

## Prices and Prospects.

### POT COKE TRANSACTIONS GROW IN VOLUME BUT TURNOVER SMALL

At Sales at the Fixed Price,  
But Supply is Becom-  
ing Scarcer.

### ULK GOING ON CONTRACTS

Differential for Foundry Having  
Been Fixed. Trade is Dead; Ques-  
tion of Broker's Commission Not Set-  
tled; Car Supply Order by Board.

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PITTSBURG, Oct. 10.—The volume transactions in spot furnace coke increasing from day to day but the turnover is still much less than it was before the price was fixed at \$5.00 on September 24. One consumer who sought 50 cars yesterday succeeded in getting 16, and possibly that represents the general proportion. All sales, such as there are, being made at the fixed price of \$5.00. A few transactions are made by brokers, who sell at \$4.00, not doing any commission, as this has been formally allowed. A committee representing nearly all the Pittsburgh coke brokers went to Washington last week and were assured by the Fuel Administration that there was no disposition to put out of business established houses that were conducting a legitimate trade, but no definite information was vouchsafed to what commission, if any, would be allowed for the brokers to charge making prices to consumers. The coke does not seem to have much speculation that they will be able to secure commissions from the sellers, at least in the case of furnace coke. The foundry coke market has been almost killed by the price fixing at \$6.00 price, with no differential; foundry coke and no coke operation is disposed to sell foundry coke at the same price as furnace, unless a matter of very particular accommodation to a regular customer. Much of the foundry coke trade is actually conducted through dealers in the different consuming districts, but practically all that trade is wiped out, to the great inconvenience of our foundries.

Coke is very much scarcer in the iron market than it was before the price was fixed and it is also scarcer in the steel market. While there is no material difference in the amount of coke produced and shipped, there is a difference in the distribution, as orders of contracts are receiving shipments than formerly, on account of the prices being higher than established for fresh transactions. Furnaces in need of coke as fast as they can get it are receiving more than their share, and in some cases more than they need. Not a case is reported thus far of any furnace asking that shipments be curtailed, as the furnaces have all been short of coke that they welcome any possible opportunity to accumulate stock piles. It is believed that state fuel administrators are expected to watch shipments at all consuming points closely so as to avoid any possible accumulations. The coke trade is disposed to be very conservative in considering the price just issued by the Priority Board, which looks like an order that Connellsville coke trade is to be on a 100 per cent car supply if possible, even to the extent of the prior order in favor of lake coal shipments being ignored in that respect, to other orders that have been issued, this one looks good on its face, there have been some disappointments in the past. Even the interpretation of the lake coal prior order has been called in question a week and there have been some transactions which may result in fresh interpretations being issued. An effort being made to secure the issuance of an order in favor of coal intended for by-product coke.

The coke market, as far as there is, is quotable simply at \$5 a ton at present. This is supported by a small volume of spot furnace transactions, but by practically no business in the case of foundry coke, and of course there is nothing done in contracts for either.

The Pittsburgh coal market continues extremely narrow. A few sales being made, all at the fixed price as far as can be ascertained, but the turnover is exceedingly small. The day is awaiting the revised coal schedule which it is well established eventually be announced. The day is attributed entirely to the speculative wage advance not being made in all districts.

The pig iron market has been very quiet. Furnaces with perhaps no exceptions assert that they are entirely plugged to sell pig iron at the fixed price when regular customers really need to make purchases, but actual market transactions are extremely few. There is considerable testifying inquiry, consumers asking the prices if they will sell when iron actually needed, and the furnaces they will do so in case of necessity. One reason for their reserve in making sales is that they have many high priced contracts, and the holders of these contracts are already very tight, wanting a price re-adjustment.

### COKE FREIGHT RATES.

The freight rates on coke from the Connellsville district, which includes what is officially known as the Connellsville region (sometimes called the Basin district) and the Lower Connellsville region (often called the Kiondike and sometimes the Manonville district) to principal points for shipment, are as follows, per net ton of 2,000 pounds, effective June 15, 1917:

Destination	Rate
Baltimore	11.95
Buffalo	2.00
Canton	1.55
Chicago	2.45
Cleveland	1.75
Columbus	1.80
Detroit	2.25
St. Louis	2.95
Erie	1.30
Harriburg	1.35
John	2.45
Louisville	2.65
Milwaukee	2.80
New York	3.00
Philadelphia	2.70
Pittsburg	.30
Port Henry, N. Y.	2.55
Pottsville	2.10
Reading	2.50
Richmond, Va. (B. & O.)	2.09
Richmond, Va. (P. R. R.)	2.19
South Bethlehem	2.15
Swanland, Pa.	2.15
Toledo, O.	2.30
Wheeling	1.35
Valley Forge	1.35

For Export:  
Philadelphia (P. O. B. ves-  
sel) \$1.95  
Baltimore (P. O. B. ves-  
sel) 1.95  
Port Antonio (P. O. B. ves-  
sel) 1.75  
Baltimore (P. O. B. ves-  
sel) 1.75

that the furnaces have no intention of granting, and the furnaces feel that selling at the fixed price would give the holders of the contracts a talking point.

The market is quotable at the fixed price of \$33.00. Valley, for No. 2 foundry, malleable and basic, and at the tentative price of \$36.00 for Bessemer. Prices for other grades of Valley iron, and for iron in other districts, will probably be announced shortly. A week ago the blast furnacemen made their presentation to the War Industries Board at Washington as to the differentials they thought should result from the fixed basis already agreed upon, and an announcement is expected to be made at Washington any day.

### MORE STEEL PRICE SCHEDULES

Expected as Result of Conference Now  
Being Held in Washington; Stag-  
nant in Fixed Price Lines.

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NEW YORK, Oct. 10.—The American Metal Market and Daily Iron & Steel Report will review the steel and iron trade tomorrow as follows:

After a week of conferences among themselves the steel manufacturers are today meeting the War Industries Board at Washington to submit tentative prices for billets, slabs, sheet bars, etc., as well as such finished steel products as tubular goods, wire products and sheels. If an agreement between the two parties is reached the result will be a schedule of prices to be submitted to the President and no public announcement of any description is expected until the President has finally approved a schedule. The prices considered at the earlier conferences of the manufacturers have been sealed down somewhat and the prices being submitted today are more in keeping with Washington's views. The view of the pig iron manufacturers last week, with reference to differentials between grades and districts, with the basis already agreed upon of \$33 at Valley furnaces for foundry malleable and basic.

The Priority Board has ordered a 100 per cent car supply for the Connellsville coke region, to take precedence over the order in favor of lake coal. A tangle has developed as to the lake coal order and one railroad is accused of facilitating lake coal movement more than was required. The market has been stagnant both in the commodities upon which prices have been fixed and in those for which prices are to be fixed shortly. With very few exceptions producers assert an entire willingness to sell at the new prices when there is real occasion for consumers to make purchases of such deliveries as can be compassed. The existence of some contracts at prices higher than those fixed tends to make sellers reserved in their feeling that sales at the fixed prices would result in demands for a revision of higher priced contracts and while they have no intention of yielding in this matter they are disposed to invite controversy.

Production has not increased measurably and averages about 90 per cent of capacity. Specifications against contracts have undergone a further and marked shrinkage. Pig iron and steel do not appear nearly as scarce as a month ago.

### Sells Somerset Coal.

J. R. Barron of Rockwood has dis-  
posed of his interest in the Pure  
Coal company to Dr. E. F. Heminger  
of Meyersdale.

### Our Fuel Administrator.

William Potter of Philadelphia has  
been appointed fuel administrator.

## Review of the Connellsville Coke Trade.

### Statistical Summary.

PRODUCTION.	WEEK ENDING OCT. 6, 1917.	WEEK ENDING SEPT. 29, 1917.
DISTRICT.	Ovens. In. Out. Tons.	Ovens. In. Out. Tons.
Connellsville	29,445 18,185 2,360 100,657	20,445 18,145 2,300 187,698
Lower Connellsville	17,445 15,759 1,386 161,814	17,645 15,633 1,062 139,710
Totals	36,890 33,944 3,746 352,471	38,090 33,778 3,362 327,408
FURNACE OVENS.		
Connellsville	17,068 15,504 1,442 161,657	17,083 15,556 1,482 159,816
Lower Connellsville	5,376 5,216 510 53,314	5,562 5,316 510 55,960
Totals	22,444 20,720 1,952 215,071	22,645 20,872 1,992 215,776
MERCHANT OVENS.		
Connellsville	3,107 2,388 818 29,000	3,107 2,580 818 28,082
Lower Connellsville	11,319 10,443 1,376 106,500	11,519 10,507 1,452 104,650
Totals	14,426 12,832 2,194 135,500	14,626 13,087 2,270 132,732
SHIPMENTS.	WEEK ENDING OCT. 6, 1917.	WEEK ENDING SEPT. 29, 1917.
To Pittsburgh	5,408 Cars. 115,563 Tons.	5,408 Cars. 115,563 Tons.
To Points West of Pittsburgh	5,213 Cars. 104,142 Tons.	5,213 Cars. 104,142 Tons.
To Points East of the Region	1,447 Cars. 38,477 Tons.	1,447 Cars. 38,477 Tons.
Totals	12,068 Cars. 358,182 Tons.	12,068 Cars. 358,182 Tons.

### EVADERS OF PRICE RULES AND INCOME TAXES TO BE CAUGHT

Uncle Sam May Be Slow, But  
His Agents Are Al-  
ready on Job.

### EXPERT AUDIT OF BOOKS

Being Made by the Federal Trade Com-  
mission to Secure First-Hand Infor-  
mation; Best to "Play Game Fairly"  
or Get Out, Says a Wise Operator.

Coal and coke producers and dealers who flatter themselves that they can disregard the rules and regulations governing the "fixed" price of these commodities, through subterfuges or evasion, and "get away with it," have a surprise in store for themselves.

The allegation has been made that here and there are producers and dealers who are not satisfied with the allowances they are to receive under the established prices, and surreptitiously in some instances, and boldly in others, have made additions to the fixed prices for which there is no warrant under the rules and regulations of the Fuel Administration.

Knowledge of such transactions has been brought to the attention of the Washington authorities and the information has gone out that violations of this character will be dealt with as the law provides. It is not anticipated by the Fuel Administration that prosecutions can be entered upon promptly, or that all violations will be apprehended before the government decides to take such a step. It is reasonably certain, however, that sooner or later those who have been unwilling to play the game according to the rules will be obliged to pay the penalty of their unfairness.

A federal agent recently visited one of the largest towns in the Connellsville coke region to make inquiries into and check up some income tax reports filed by certain parties a year or more ago. In conversation with a resident this agent made it plain that in his department, and also in that of other government departments, it is the duty of every person who has practiced evasion or deception, or knowingly violated provisions of the law or regulations, will be brought to an accounting. The investigation of every income tax report filed has become the fixed policy of the Revenue Department, and with modifications to suit the conditions it will also be applied to price-fixing activities of the government in due course.

"People may congratulate themselves over 'getting by' once," said the federal agent, "but they will find that Uncle Sam is very patient, painstaking and thorough in the inquiries he may institute, and some fine morning, may be a year or two hence, they will have a call from one of his agents with a request for certain explanations."

A few days ago an agent of the Federal Trade Commission, accompanied by an expert accountant called at the office of a man interested in a number of coal mining companies in this and other states. By way of introduction the agent inquired if he were in the office of the "X. Y. Z." Coal company. Informed that he was, he said: "Let me see your books for the year 1916."

Advised that the present owners had acquired the property only a few months before the agent replied with apparent satisfaction: "That explains why we could not find the office of your company in Ohio. We have just completed an audit of the books of every coal company in that state and found one company missing, and that is yours. This work has been done under the supervision of the Federal Trade Commission by expert accountants whose services have been paid for by the state of Ohio. We expect to begin work in Pennsylvania very shortly."

From the foregoing it becomes very plain that the government does not intend to trust to chance information

from outside sources for knowledge concerning either income tax reports or data on the cost of producing coal and coke, contracts, spot sales or other details directly related to governmental control of prices.

Commenting upon the situation, as it thus appears, an experienced operator made the observation: "If a coal or coke man can't play the game fairly, he ought to get out of it. If he plays it unfairly, Uncle Sam is quite likely to see that he does get out."

### COAL MINERS GAIN ADVANCE

Operators Concede Large Increases on  
Condition That "Fixed" Price of  
Coal Be Made Higher.

Bituminous coal miners of the central competitive field won their fight for a general wage increase Friday night when operators and miners' representatives in conference at Washington reached a compromise agreement on the terms of the new contract. The agreement presages a wage raise throughout the industry, since the central field scale serves as a basis for all other districts, and a consequent advance in the government's fixed prices for coal.

Operators' representatives agreed to the new wages on condition that they be absorbed in higher coal prices. After the agreement, drawn up by a sub-committee, was ratified by the full conference, the operators went to the fuel administration and asked a revision upward of present coal prices to meet the raise. The wage increase, according to operators' estimates, will add from 35 to 50 cents a ton to the cost of producing coal in thick vein mines and considerably more in mines in the thin vein.

The new contract will contain provisions to prevent strikes and lockouts and will be so drawn as to make it impossible for either operators or miners to break it on the ground of changed conditions. It will run for the duration of the war, provided the war does not continue more than two years.

Under the agreement, an increase of 10 cents a ton will be paid for pick and shovel mining as against the miners' first demand for 15 cents; day labor will be advanced \$1.40 a day instead of the \$1.90 asked; the pay for yardage and dead work will be increased 15 per cent instead of 20 per cent demanded. Trappers will get 75 cents a day raise and other boys \$1.

### WEEKLY RECORD

Of the Production and Shipments of  
Coke From the Connellsville Region.

The weekly record of production and output of the Connellsville and Lower Connellsville regions for 1917 to date is shown in net tons in the following tabulation:

Week.	Prod.	Mer.	Total.	Ship.
Jan. 1-7	129,338	138,238	267,576	267,576
Jan. 8-14	131,410	137,023	268,433	268,433
Jan. 15-21	126,630	138,890	265,520	265,520
Jan. 22-28	134,789	132,101	266,890	266,890
Feb. 1-7	131,376	119,662	251,038	251,038
Feb. 8-14	125,370	124,384	249,754	249,754
Feb. 15-21	132,273	124,391	256,664	256,664
Feb. 22-28	141,151	142,416	283,567	283,567
Mar. 1-7	129,716	145,747	275,463	275,463
Mar. 8-14	121,602	131,002	252,604	252,604
Mar. 15-21	122,740	135,339	258,079	258,079
Mar. 22-28	130,730	131,341	262,071	262,071
Apr. 1-7	129,290	116,719	246,009	246,009
Apr. 8-14	121,247	110,741	231,988	231,988
Apr. 15-21	122,856	116,708	239,564	239,564
Apr. 22-28	124,859	114,919	239,778	239,778
May 1-7	124,710	125,127	249,837	249,837
May 8-14	124,576	115,900	240,476	240,476
May 15-21	126,976	124,626	251,602	251,602
May 22-28	123,455	125,123	248,578	248,578
Jun. 1-7	122,535	119,824	242,359	242,359
Jun. 8-14	128,715	124,646	253,361	253,361
Jun. 15-21	126,150	126,909	253,059	253,059
Jun. 22-28	124,761	122,664	247,425	247,425
Jul. 1-7	121,576	122,025	243,601	243,601
Jul. 8-14	122,874	126,794	249,668	249,668
Jul. 15-21	122,922	127,128	250,050	250,050
Jul. 22-28	120,787	127,326	248,113	248,113
Aug. 1-7	116,911	121,042	237,953	237,953
Aug. 8-14	116,338	122,588	238,926	238,926
Aug. 15-21	116,591	128,903	245,494	245,494
Aug. 22-28	116,338	122,588	238,926	238,926
Sep. 1-7	116,338	122,588	238,926	238,926
Sep. 8-14	116,338	122,588	238,926	238,926
Sep. 15-21	116,338	122,588	238,926	238,926
Sep. 22-28	116,338	122,588	238,926	238,926
Oct. 1-7	116,338	122,588	238,926	238,926

### Test Run For Coal.

The city of Pittsburgh is having  
grilling tests made to discover if the  
coal deposits under public property  
can be mined.

### NORTH END REGIONS HOLDING CLOSER TO LAST YEAR'S RECORD

Than the Districts in The  
Southern End of The  
Coke Region.

### LOSS ONLY 13 PER CENT

As Compared With 1916 When the  
Total Was 2,053,568 Tons; Gain in  
Second Quarter Not Maintained in  
the Third; Last Week Showed Gain.

During the first nine months of the year the Upper Connellsville and the Greensburg-Connellsville districts continued to do relatively much better in holding close to last year's output, average than did the southern regions to the south.

For the three quarters ending September 30 these districts had shipped a total of 1,372,925 tons, or 213,215 tons, or about 13 per cent, less than for the same period of 1916. In the Connellsville and Lower Connellsville regions the loss was about 15 per cent.

The greater falling off in the north end districts came in the first quarter, when the output was at the rate of 1,514,808 tons for the year, and in the third quarter when it was at the rate of 1,851,468 tons for the year. Had the average rate in the second quarter prevailed during the other two quarters, the record to date would have been practically the same as last year.

The curtailment of the first and third quarters was so heavy that the gain in the second was not sufficient to bring the nine month's total above 1,372,925 tons. If the monthly average of the three quarters, 1,524,747 tons, held until the end of the year, the twelve month's tonnage will be 1,829,696 tons, compared with 2,053,568 tons in 1916.

The record of the year to date by districts, months and quarters is as follows:

Month.	Upper Conn.	Greensburg	Total.
Jan.	56,940	76,327	133,267
Feb.	50,316	64,349	114,665
Mar.	51,311	74,962	126,273
1st Quar.	158,567	206,144	364,711
Apr.	57,451	60,164	117,615
May	57,760	58,700	116,460
June	59,574	62,498	122,072
2nd Quar.	174,785	181,362	356,147
July	59,332	71,575	130,907
Aug.	62,302	70,625	132,927
September	57,145	59,169	116,314
3rd Quar.	176,779	191,352	368,131
4th Quar.	171,430	185,495	356,925
5th Quar.	161,870	175,293	337,163
Dec. 1917	151,442	161,800	313,242

With the successive gains of 4,100 tons last week and 2,670 tons during the week preceding the two districts may be said to have recovered practically all the ground lost during the announcement of the "fixed" price of coke. By their gains the total output of the districts last week closely approached the record of the week ending September 1, which was 38,790 tons, and seems best to the high-water mark of July 28, which was 42,461.

The shipments from the two districts during the week ending Saturday, October 6, were as follows:

District.	East.	West.	Total.
Upper Conn.	6,323	7,354	13,677
Greensburg	13,947	6,192	20,139
Totals	19,270	13,546	32,816

The increased transportation difficulties in the west, where the movement of coal and ore under the Priority Board is monopolizing traffic, reflected back to these districts in a lessened gain in shipments to Western points, the gain being but 761 tons as compared with 1,122 tons gain of the previous week. The gain East more than doubled that of the previous week, amounting to 3,433 tons, making the total gain 4,194 tons, of which 3,587 came from the Greensburg and 607 tons from the Upper Connellsville district.

The following tabulation shows the

## Production and Output.

### COKE OUTPUT OF CONNELLVILLE REGION 18,000,000 TONS IN 1917

### COKE TRADE SUMMARY.

The records of the first nine months of the year show that if the average output of Connellsville coke in September 30 is maintained throughout the remaining quarter, the total for the year will be approximately 18,000,000 tons, or about 15 per cent less than 1916's record-breaking tonnage of 21,654,502.

Operation moves along at steady pace in the region. The advance has brought no appreciable addition to the working forces but plant managers are working out new methods and means of securing greater efficiency, all with a view to meeting production. The effect of the Priority coke order is not expected until tomorrow or next day. From the experience following the adoption of a similar order of the railroads relating to by-product coke last July, beneficial results are expected. Aided traffic conditions outside of the coke region do not interfere.

With the fixed prices as the only market price spot coke is becoming scarcer. The foundry differential not having been fixed, trade in that grade is virtually dead and absolutely without offerings. The coal trade is restricted by the possibility of an early revision in prices which was understood to be a condition of the recent large advance in wages.

### output of these districts by weeks in net tons for 1917 to date:

Week.	Upper Conn.	Greensburg	Total.
Ending:	Cville.	Cville.	
Jan. 1-7	12,331	13,441	
Jan. 8-14	11,689	13,152	
Jan. 15-21	12,078	13,856	
Jan. 22-28	12,037	13,707	
Feb. 3-9	13,071	14,921	
Feb. 10-16	13,296	14,238	
Feb. 17-23	13,078	14,238	
Feb. 24-30	14,746	12,330	
Mar. 1-7	12,720	13,135	
Mar. 8-14	16,374	16,220	
Mar. 15-21	14,801	15,494	
Mar. 22-28	12,562	14,981	
Mar. 29-31	20,100	13,564	
Apr. 1-7	19,747	16,083	
Apr. 13-19	20,593	15,759	
Apr. 20-26	20,593	13,867	
Apr. 27-30	26,335	13,676	
May 1-7	33,326	17,498	
May 8-14	20,855	16,240	
May 15-21	21,704	19,707	
May 22-28	17,414	25,675	
June 2-8	27,648	12,680	
June 9-15	20,728	16,993	
June 16-22	29,265	15,049	
June 23-29	27,437	12,240	
June 30-31	26,571	14,549	
July 1-7	21,047	18,227	
July 8-14	18,549	17,566	
July 15-21	30,161	16,453	
July 22-28	26,680	16,781	
AUG. 1-7	16,425	17,822	
AUG. 11-17	16,900	16,755	
AUG. 18-24	15,692	20,954	
AUG. 25-31	15,692	17,714	
SEP. 1-7	15,800	19,968	
SEP. 8-14	13,805	16,183	
SEP. 15-21	16,648	19,893	
SEP. 22-28	11,364	14,886	
SEP. 29-30	12,262	17,552	
OCT. 1-7	14,869	21,139	

The output of the two districts

## THE PRESIDENT HAS POWER TO ABROGATE CONTRACTS FOR FUEL

The Government Can Change Agreements Affecting Property.

### THROUGH POLICE POWER

Whenever it is considered essential to the General Welfare, Numerous Decisions of the Higher Courts Confirm the Rights of the Government.

The probability that existing contracts for coal and coke may be abrogated by the government if the necessities of fuel distribution require it, having been a subject of discussion among producers, a contribution to the Philadelphia Ledger on the subject, by Theodore Barrett, an attorney of Philadelphia, is quite timely as well as informing.

There is evidently some misapprehension, says Attorney Barrett, of the effect under existing laws, of the "rules and regulations" recently made by the President upon agreements of operators, dealers and consumers in the sale of coal.

These agreements must necessarily be regarded as having been made subject to the possibility that at some time Congress might so exert its constitutional power in regulating interstate commerce as to render them unenforceable or to impair their value.

That the exercise of such a power may be hampered or restricted to any extent by contracts previously made between individuals or corporations is inconceivable. The framers of the constitution never intended such a possibility. If the legislature had no power to alter its police laws when contracts would be affected, then the most important and valuable reform might be precluded by the simple device of entering into contracts for that purpose.

No doctrine to that effect would be even plausible, much less sound and tenable. (Kentucky Bridge Co. vs. L. & N. R. R., 34 Amer. and Eng. R. Cas. 628, and 219 U. S. 477.) It was held in Fitzgerald vs. Grand Trunk Railroad, 63 Vermont, 159, by the Supreme Court of that state that "there can, in the nature of things, be no vested right in an existing law which precludes its change or repeal, or vested right in the omission to legislate upon a particular subject which exempts a contract from the effect of subsequent legislation upon its subject matter."

It was said in Knox vs. Lee, 12 Wall. (U. S.) 457, "that as in a state of civil society property of a citizen is subject to the lawful demands of the sovereign, so contracts must be understood as made in reference to the possible exercise of the rightful authority of the government, and no obligation of a contract can extend to the defeat of legitimate government authority."

In the same case the court, referring to the fifth amendment, which forbids the taking of property for public use without just compensation or due process of law, remarked that "that provision has always been understood as referring only to a direct appropriation and not to consequential injuries resulting from the exercise of lawful power. It has never been supposed to have any bearing upon or to inhibit laws that indirectly work harm or loss to individuals. A new tariff, an embargo, a draft or a war may inevitably bring upon individuals great losses; may, indeed, render valuable property almost valueless. They may destroy the worth of contracts."

The constitutional guarantee that no person shall be deprived of property without due process of law does not limit, and was not intended to limit, the subjects upon which the police power may be lawfully exerted; for these have never been construed as being incompatible with the principle, equally vital because so essential to the general welfare, that all property in the country is held under the implied obligation that the owner's use of it shall not be injurious to the community.

"The constitutional prohibition upon state laws imposing the obligation of contracts does not," said the court in New Orleans Gas company vs. Louisiana Light company, 135 U. S. 672, "restrict the power of the state to protect and promote the public good as it may be involved in the execution of contracts. Rights and privileges arising from contracts with a state are subject to regulation for the promotion of the general welfare in the same sense and to the same extent as are all contracts and all property, whether owned by natural persons or corporations."

The essential quality of the police power as a governmental function is that it, imposed upon the police and property burdens designed to promote the welfare of the public at large. It must be exercised as not to affect arbitrarily or unnecessarily personal or property rights, but everything necessary for the protection and best interest of the people may be done under this power.

The following deductions may be made from these principles and authorities:

The rules prescribed by the President made in the exercise of a discretion vested in him by act of Congress to promote the general welfare, are beyond the reach and power of a mandatory order of a Federal court.

An order of a Federal court in restraint of these rules, or any one of them, made by the President in the exercise of a discretion conferred by act of Congress, and of a police power inherently vested in the government to promote the public good, would be a doctrine new in the jurisprudence of the United States.

While it is true as a general proposition that the court may restrain the operation of rates fixed by the carrier, when challenged by the shipper and shown to be unreasonable, it is not in the power of the court to revise or change such rates; much less can the

court revise or restrain the operation of rates fixed by an executive order when made in the exercise of a police power vested inherently in the federal government for the public good.

In no constitutional sense will be enforcement of the rules prescribed by the President be held to be the taking of private property for public use without just compensation or due process of law, and in the same sense their enforcement will impair the obligation of a contract.

No parties, individual or corporate, can contract in derogation of the right of the government to exercise at will its police powers for the public welfare.

All contracts, for whatever made, and whatever the interest and value of private property they may involve, are subject to such changes as the government may, in the exercise of a police power, consider essential to the general welfare.

## REVISED COAL SELLING PRICES

For the So-Called "Outlying Districts" of the West and Southwest; Other Revisions.

Following the presentation of data relating to the costs of production, which made the selling price of \$2.00 at the mine prohibitive in the coal fields of the west and southwest, the Fuel Administration made an announcement last week, effective October 1, of a re-classification of bituminous coal in these so-called "outlying fields."

"The conditions in the fields mentioned," says the Fuel Administration, "are exceptional, and do not affect the prices heretofore fixed by the President in the principal bituminous fields. If upon completion of the investigations now being made of operators' costs in the fields affected, it is found that these changes are not justified, further modifications will be made at once. The revised prices are as follows:

Pieces & King counties, Washington	Run of mine	Revised	Per screen
Lafayette, Ray, Clay, Platte and Lincoln counties, Missouri	3.15	3.40	3.90
Appanoose, Wayne, Boone and Webster counties, Iowa	3.15	3.40	3.90
Thin vein seams at Hartford, Midland, Hackett, Greenwood and Denning, Arkansas	2.95	3.40	2.46
Leffers and Haskell counties, Oklahoma	2.50	4.30	2.25
Okmulgee and Tulsa counties, Oklahoma	3.10	3.90	2.00
Coal County, Oklahoma	3.30	4.10	2.00
Pittsburg and Latimer counties, Oklahoma	3.50	4.30	2.25
Bituminous domestic coal, Walsenburg, Canon City, Rout, Garfield, Gunnison, Durango, Mesa, Pitkin, Montezuma, Delta, Montrose, and Rio Blanca districts, Colorado	2.00	4.00	1.50
Bituminous steam coal, the Trinidad district, Colorado	2.75	3.25	2.00
Lignite coal, Northern field and El Paso district, Colorado	2.40	3.50	1.00
Osage county, Kansas	2.25	4.00	2.20
Big Seam district, Alabama	2.15	2.45	1.80
Pratt, Jackson, Jefferson, Nickel Plate and Coal City districts, Alabama	2.35	2.65	2.05
Chabata, Black Creek, Brookwood and Blue Creek districts, Alabama	2.35	3.10	2.45
Corona district, Alabama	2.40	2.75	2.05
Montevallo district, Alabama	2.40	4.00	2.15
State of Wyoming	2.50	3.50	1.25
Brass block field, Indiana	2.00	1.70	

"At the same time it was announced that smithing coal may be sold, until further order, at the prevailing market price.

The action of the Fuel Administration in making revision in these fields is heartening to the operators in other districts, particularly those operating in the thin seam coals, who see prospect of a revision upward in the price at which they may sell their product. It has been made clear by Fuel Administration officials, however, that information must be produced to show conclusively that a revised selling price is necessary to enable operators to make a profit. This data is being prepared in a number of districts, including the central and Butler districts of Pennsylvania.

## OVER 700,000 MEN

Transported by Troop Trains Since the War With Germany Began.

Since the movement of troops in this country, consequent upon its declaration of war with Germany began, the railroads have handled from their stations to embarkation ports, approximately three quarters of a million troops, 720,000, to be exact. This great bulk of this army, all of it, in fact, except the 32,549 men comprising the first 5 per cent of the National Army moved by regular trains on September 5, has required special train service involving the use of 13,500 coaches, 1,500 sleeping cars, standard and tourist, 2,000 baggage cars and 4,500 freight cars.

In order to compass this movement the railroads have been compelled to prepare special schedules covering the 4,531 towns and cities designated by the provost marshal general as points of local concentration. Twenty-five per cent of the men of the new National Army, approximately 175,000, are included in the division now being moved and the remainder, it is expected, will be entrained, beginning October 17.

The longest haul yet made was of a battalion of engineers, numbering 524 rank and file, from San Francisco to an Atlantic Coast port, the train comprising one standard sleeper, two kitchens, nine tourist sleepers, one baggage and three box cars, the run having been made in six days and a change such rates; much less can the

## LIST OF COKE OVENS IN The Connellsville District

With Their Owners, Address and Ovens in Blast Corrected to Saturday, Oct. 6, 1917.

Total Ovens	In Blast	Name of Works	Name of Operators	P. O. Address
<b>MERCHANT OVENS.</b>				
182	182	Beatty	Mt. Pleasant Coke Co.	Greensburg
120	40	Boyer	Mt. Pleasant Coke Co.	Greensburg
30	30	Brush Run	Brush Run Coke Company	Mt. Pleasant
30	30	Clarke	Peoples-Connellsville Coke Co.	Pittsburg
100	160	Clare	Clare Coke Co.	Greensburg
40	40	Darby	Connellsville Coke Co.	Connellsville
40	40	Eden No. 2	Whyte Coke Co.	Uniontown
40	40	Eden No. 3	Whyte Coke Co.	Uniontown
200	110	Elm Grove	Whyte-Connellsville Coke Co.	Greensburg
100	100	Fort Hill	W. J. Rainey	New York
101	101	Franklin	Semmit-Coke Coke Co.	Connellsville
130	130	Gilmore	Gilmore Coke Co.	Uniontown
148	148	Grady	Grady Coke Co.	New York
40	40	Hale	Samuel Lohr	Youngwood
40	40	Humphrey	Beggs Coke Co.	Pittsburg
40	40	Johnson	Shannon Coke & Coke Co.	Uniontown
40	40	Johnson	Johnson Fuel Co.	Uniontown
40	40	Madison	Madison Coal & Coke Co.	Dunbar
370	170	Mt. Bradock	W. J. Rainey	New York
340	340	Mt. Pleasant	Mt. Pleasant Coke Co.	Greensburg
30	30	Myra	Brownfield-Coke Coke Co.	Uniontown
30	30	Nelle	Brown & Cochran	Uniontown
160	160	Paul	W. J. Rainey	New York
30	30	Shirley	South Fayette Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown
30	30	Thomas	Whyte Coke Co.	Uniontown
57	57	West Penn	Mt. Pleasant Coke Co.	Greensburg
407	259			Pittsburg
<b>FURNACE OVENS.</b>				
380	230	Adelaide	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
380	380	Alverson	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
307	307	Barreter	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
300	300	Bitter	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
300	300	Brinkley	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
300	300	Buckeye	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
300	300	Calumet	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
300	300	Central	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
300	300	Coalbrook	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
300	300	Continental	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
300	300	Continental 2	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
300	300	Crossland	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
300	300	Darby	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
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## COAL PRICES IN YEAR 1916

Average Increase in Selling Price of Bituminous Was \$1.32, an Increase of But 19 Cents Over 1915.

Figures compiled by C. E. Lesher, of the United States Geological Survey, Department of the Interior, show that the total value at the mines of the coal produced in 1916 was \$867,125,638. Bituminous coal and lignite were valued at \$665,116,077, an average of \$1.32 per ton, compared with \$1.13 per ton in 1915, an increase of 19 cents, or less than 17 per cent. Pennsylvania anthracite was valued at \$202,009,561, an average of \$2.30 per ton, compared with \$2.07 per ton in 1915, an increase of 23 cents, or 11 per cent.

The average value per net ton at the mines (exclusive of selling expense and stock shrinkage) of all anthracite shipped in 1916 of chestnut size was \$3.51; of stove, \$3.40, and of egg, \$3.32. The average value of pea size was \$2.70. The average values of the smaller sizes ranged from 67 cents per net ton for "bottle" to \$1.31 for buckwheat No. 1.

State	1916	Advance
Alabama	11.37	30.00
Arkansas	1.02	1.00
Colorado	3.92	









## 91 MORE YOUNG MEN LEAVE FOR CAMP TO TAKE UP ARMS FOR NATION IN GREAT WAR

Tears and Cheers as Conscripted Youth Depart on Saturday and Sunday.

### CROWDS SEE THEM LEAVE

Sad Leave-Takings Many as Men From No. 2 District Start Southward Over Western Maryland at 11:50 Saturday Night; Train on Time

Ninety-one more young men of Connelville and the Young region have gone to take up arms for their country. Amid the new familiar scenes of leave-taking, their going accompanied by the same tears and cheers as accompanied the departure of previous contingents of soldiers here, the men got off for Camp Lee, Petersburg, Va., Saturday and Sunday, there to undergo a few months' training with others of the National Army, and be fitted for the work which they are to do on the battlefields of France.

The Western Maryland station was the scene of a farewell demonstration for the first time, the No. 2 district boys leaving from that depot at 11:50 Saturday night. The train, made up here, had been scheduled to leave at 11:30, but there was delay in getting the men aboard. Several thousand people saw the boys off, and as the train pulled out, they raised their voices in a cheer. The draftees, their heads out of the windows, looked back at their loved ones until they had been whisked out of sight.

The leave-taking was perhaps the saddest leave taking of all those which have occurred in Connelville since local boys began to entrain to do their part in the war. There was a lot of weeping. One woman, seeing her husband going away, and with the great fear on her that she would never see him again, went into hysterics, and screaming violently, was led out of the crowd. Tears were rolling down many another woman's face as she bid sweetheart, husband, son or brother good-bye. The draftees were mostly occupying their time with handshakes, but one draftee felt that kisses would be more appropriate, both for his women and men friends. Several of the conscripts were crying, but most of them were in a cheerful mood.

The men left the station, where they had assembled, shortly before 11 o'clock. Headed by the draft board, consisting of Captain Harry Dunn, Dr. J. F. Kerr and Dr. L. P. McCormick, and by the volunteer firemen, they marched to the Western Maryland station, greeted by small crowds lined along the 13 or 14 blocks to the depot. Each carried a handbag or valise and a box of lunch. They sang "We'll hang Bill Kaiser to the sour apple tree" as they passed along.

The contingent was in charge of Ignatius Friel, with Charles J. Loomis as his assistant, and the following conscripts in charge of squads: Frank Chrostoski, Walter E. Austin, Randolph P. Kurtz, W. M. Fassenhaker and Lawrence S. May.

The crowd at the station and in the train shed gradually grew larger and larger. The train pulled out only 20 minutes after schedule time, this being the best record to date, most of the troops leaving here having hovered about the two-hour-late mark.

The boys marched away without any music. The Everett band was here in the afternoon and played a short concert at the station, but left long before train time. The draftees sang, however, and they had at the head of their column a beautiful American flag, carried by the volunteer firemen.

Those from Zone 2 who left were: Dominick Settegati, William Jamieson, Harry B. Giger, Frank Chrostoski, Walter E. Austin, Stephen J. Yogan, Randolph P. Kurtz, Christ Buck, John Presto, Roy E. Goswick, Dominic McDonald, Wilmer M. Fassenhaker, Charles J. Loomis, Antonio Amoroso, Giovanni Tristoni, Carrell Pietra, Claude I. Miller, James F. Sullivan, Frank Martindale, Clyde R. Miller, Harry T. Dunkle, Cesare Pano, Andy Silakich, Pearl S. Weaver, Antonio Piana, Kenneth G. Miller, Stanislas Memela, Frank Spittler, Karolin Krowczynski, Ignatius Friel, Scott Richter, Orville E. Greer, Michael Lucia, Antonio Canini, Charles K. Pymanski, Ralph Kessler, Lawrence S. May, Dominick Carusi, James A. Burke, Jackson D. Prinke, Anthony Oriah, Thomas E. Williams, Renold F. Bryner, Jess Ridder, Michael Carmack, Heiman Levine, Francesco Azzano, Charles P. Miller.

The third contingent of men from the No. 3 district got away in good time also, the special train leaving the Baltimore & Ohio station at 6:30 o'clock, just 20 minutes late. Although the crowd was not so large as that which witnessed the departure of the previous contingents, the send-off was just as enthusiastic.

Every man from the district called responded and 41, three over the quota, were sent to Camp Lee. There were many foreigners, mostly Italians, in the contingent, and these were a happy lot.

The roll call was made by Chairman Charles B. Franks shortly after 4 o'clock, and every man was then assigned to his squad and made acquainted with his corporal. At 5:30 the draftees left the station and marched to the train that had brought the Mount Pleasant and Scottdale men over, until the special came in, when a transfer was made.

Few of the No. 5 draftees were known locally, although some coming from Trotter have friends here. A

Dunbar delegation came down to see the boys from that place off. DeSales Hennessy, of Dunbar, was appointed captain and put in charge of the men until camp was reached. His four corporals were Jess J. McMannis, Harry Trinker, Edward C. Clements and Smith Prinke. Each had a squad of 10 men under him. Harry Trinker, one of the corporals, had a brother, Louis, in his squad. Both of the young men from Dunbar and each waived the exemption claim that had been made for him by his employer.

Thomas Pappas, who was called some time ago but who failed at the time to appear, went to camp last night. Pappas was in Ohio, and last week he wrote to Chairman Charles B. Franks, asking if he had been called yet. A telegram telling him to come on at once, prepared to go to Camp Lee was sent to him. He arrived Saturday morning.

One man who will make a good soldier and get along well with his camp mates is Biagi Mioni, an Italian. He was the center of a merry group at the armory in the afternoon, especially during the roll call when he caused laughter by his eagerness to respond to his name. He was also the proud possessor of small American and Italian flags.

Some of the men did not appear for the morning roll call but all had a satisfactory excuse when they reported in the afternoon. One man, who was reprimanded for drinking a little too freely, told the board he couldn't help it. "One brother came from Johnstown to see me," he said, "and another brother came from Philadelphia, so I had to drink. I'll make a good soldier after I get there."

Another draftee, determined not to miss his "chew" purchased an entire carton of "Five Brothers," which went a good ways towards filling his suit case. Those who went from the No. 5 district follow: Harry Vance Bailey, Joseph Klink, Nelson Collins, Daniel Reas Teets, Biagi Mioni, Peter F. Connolly, John Stefanski, James La Port, Louis Podrosky, Charles A. Campmiller, Grover Milton Criss, Ira Clay Whippley, Francesco Lomonte, Jess J. McMannis, Scott Colbert, Lester Clare Lowny, Peter Rusinko, Alexandre Di-Scienna, William J. Warman, Thomas Pappas, Norman P. Ritenour, DeSales Hennessy, Edward C. Clements, Paquale Fatica, Smith Prinke, Mike Kroffe, Lloyd Kalp, John J. Wisniewski, Giuseppe Bianco, Frank Carbonara, Giuseppe Bonfa, Giuseppe Di-Amonio, William E. Boughman, Ramory Smoron, Charles P. Laughlin, George Kessler, George A. Wardwell, Louis Trinker, Harry Trinker, Andrew Lucas, Ladislav Sedzinsky.

### INDUSTRIAL CLAIMS MUST BE MADE BY EMPLOYERS.

The work of the appellate board in session at Greensburg is progressing nicely, though the end of its labors is not yet in sight. Attention has been called to the fact that industrial claims must be made by a man's employers and not by the applicant. In claims for agricultural exemption, the size of the farm, the amount of crops produced, length of employment, and other data must be submitted under oath.

### LIEUT. COLBORN NOW WITH BASE HOSPITAL.

Lieutenant A. J. Colborn, local physician and Medical Reserve Corps officer, who has been assigned to the National Army cantonment, Camp Lee, at Petersburg, Va., was on Monday transferred to a base hospital, according to a telegram from him to The Courier.

### ACCEPTS CALL

Rev. G. W. Buckner to Succeed Son Here.

The congregation of the Christian church formally accepted the resignation of Rev. C. C. Buckner at a meeting held at the conclusion of the morning's service Sunday. At the meeting of the official board on last Monday evening Rev. Buckner declined to withdraw his resignation, leaving the board no alternative but to recommend to the congregation that he be relieved from his present engagement.

At the same meeting the special committee of the board, consisting of Beaton Boyd, W. D. Colborn and R. W. Welmer, appointed to make arrangements for securing a successor to Rev. Buckner, reported the receipt of a cablegram from Rev. G. W. Buckner of Southport, Eng., which was taken to mean that he would accept a call to become pastor of the Connelville church. The committee recommended that a call be extended to Rev. Buckner, senior, which the congregation did by a unanimous vote.

Rev. Buckner's cablegram indicates that he will be able to take up the work in Connelville not later than January next, possibly in the month of December. During the interim between November 1, when Rev. C. C. Buckner will relinquish his charge, and the arrival of his father, the latter's wife, Mrs. Mary P. Buckner, will serve as pastor.

### HURT IN ACCIDENT.

Uniontown Autoists Taken to Mount Pleasant Hospital.

Injured in an automobile accident which occurred between Mount Pleasant and Scottdale Sunday morning, Louis Pliner, his son, Alexander, and Louis Silver, all of Uniontown, were taken to the Mount Pleasant Memorial hospital for treatment.

Pliner is 60 years old and his son Silver, 40, had his back injured

## MAYOR-ELECT HAS AMBITIOUS STREET BETTERMENT PLAN

Councilman Duggan Wants to Pave Davidson and Repave Crawford Avenue.

### KICK ON CONCRETE WORK

C. W. Bettler Said to Have Declared He Would Put Down Walks for City Row and When He Pleases, No City Will Pay "As It Pleases," Too.

An ambitious program of paving and street development for next year was forecasted in the report of John Duggan, superintendent of streets and public improvements and mayor-elect, at Monday's council meeting. The program includes the re-paving of West Crawford avenue, long the bane of all motorists' lives.

"Davidson avenue," Mr. Duggan said, "should be partly paved at least next year. The street is an opening to all the further section of the South Side. There are some mighty pretty homes out there, and access to them over the muddy streets of the town. I think we owe it to the people out there to pave Davidson avenue."

"Then, First street, West Side, should be paved. This proposition was up once before, but was dropped, I believe, because there was talk of making a park along the river. I think it should be taken up again, now."

"And during the winter, this council and the next one, too, should make every effort to finance the material for repaving Crawford avenue from Pittsburgh street to the West Side hill. We are getting a lot of knocks because of the terrible condition of that street. We don't want to spend all next year doing nothing as we did this year."

Mr. Duggan also told of the trouble the city is having with C. W. Bettler, concrete man, who was awarded the job of laying sidewalks for the city in front of the properties whose owners have refused to put down walks. Mr. Bettler informed City Engineer S. M. Fousel, according to Mr. Duggan, that he would do the work when and how he pleased. In that case Mr. Duggan said, the city would pay him "as he pleases."

"His work around town has been anything but good," Mr. Duggan said, "and I shall put an inspector on the job to see that every bit of work he does is done properly and in accordance with the specifications."

Bids were opened on 3,000 feet of fire hose to be furnished the city, 500 feet at once and 500 feet not later than January 30.

Five firms submitted bids, each on three or more grades of hose. The prices per foot proposed were: C. C. Fire Hose company, \$1.10, \$1.05, \$1.00; Boston Woven Hose & Rubber Company, \$1.00, \$.95, \$.90; Vorhees Rubber Manufacturing Company, \$1.05, \$.95, \$.85; Republic Rubber Company, \$1.10, \$1.05, \$1.00; Quaker City Rubber Company, \$1.35, \$1.30, \$1.10. All hose will sustain 400 pounds pressure and carries a three-year guarantee.

Councilmen M. B. Pryce, L. H. West and J. H. Gurney, and Fire Chief W. E. DeBolt were appointed a committee to examine the samples of hose submitted and make a recommendation to council next Monday evening. Superintendent of Public Safety Pryce reported that there was no fire loss during September, and that the department was in good shape.

In order to allow the treasurer to balance his books correctly, \$4,423.80 was transferred from the general fund to the improvement fund, where it rightfully belongs.

### CLUB OPENS SEASON

Vanderbilt Women Meet at Home of Mrs. J. B. Knox.

The Saturday afternoon club of Vanderbilt held its first regular meeting of the year Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. B. Knox at Star Junction. After a short business meeting an interesting program was rendered. Miss Elsie Edwards, the new president, gave the opening address, her subject being "Woman's Part in the War." This was followed by a discussion of "Our Responsibilities During the War." The social side was treated by Mrs. S. W. Dunn, and economics by Miss Grace Moore. In the absence of Miss Lucy Cochran, her paper on the religious side was read by Mrs. Harry B. Reed. Music was rendered by Misses Ruth Elwell, Josephine Meyers, Mary Belle Echeard, Eleanor Knox of Star Junction and Miss Ruth Shallenberger of Vanderbilt.

Guests of the club were Mrs. Howard Adams, Mrs. Cora Blair of Perryopolis; Mrs. M. F. Elwell, Mrs. B. L. Carson, Mrs. Beebever, Mary Belle Echeard, Ruth Elwell, Josephine Meyers, Sarah Graham, Frances Graham and Mrs. M. R. Hackman of Star Junction; Miss Helen Cole of Meadville, and Miss Ruth Shallenberger of Vanderbilt.

### ANOTHER BARGE.

New Motor Company to Establish Itself on Apple Street.

The Central Motor Company has been organized and a charter applied for. Thomas B. Hyatt, president; Edward S. Marsh, vice president; and W. N. Hurliman, secretary-treasurer, are the incorporators. Mr. Hurliman will be in active charge of the garage. The company has leased the Fisher building on Apple street, and will remodel it and put in a complete line of automobiles, accessories, oils and gas.

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## ROCKWELL DULL IS CALLED; ALBERT ROSE LEAVES FOR COLUMBUS

Ben Campbell Goes to Pittsburgh to Get Transportation to Norfolk Station.

Rockwell Dull, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Dull, received orders from the War Department Monday to report at Pittsburgh today, and get his transportation to Norfolk, Va., where he will be assigned to the "mosquito fleet" of the United States Navy. He will secure here and probably leave on Baltimore & Ohio train No. 122 to-night for Norfolk.

Dull enlisted in the "mosquito fleet" some time ago and has been awaiting orders to report. His notice was short, and in order to reach Pittsburgh today he went to Greensburg this morning by street car, taking a train there.

Benjamin Campbell, son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Campbell, also went to Pittsburgh Monday to get transportation to Norfolk, and join the "mosquito fleet."

Albert Rose, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Rose of North Pittsburgh street, left Monday morning for Columbus, O., to join an engineers' regiment. He will visit in Ohio before reporting to the Columbus barracks. His notice gives him until Saturday to report for examination.

Sanford Inks and Thomas Madigan, engineer reservists, left on Saturday to join regiments at Wrightstown, N. J.

### BACK FROM CAMP

George Connell Says Roads to Petersburg Are Awful.

Mr. and Mrs. George S. Connell arrived home on Sunday about 3:30 from a trip to Greensburg which they planned to take before the boys left for Camp Lee, Petersburg, Va. Mr. Connell advises any local motorists who contemplate making the trip to camp to take along chains for both front and rear wheels and to be prepared for very bad roads. The road from Richmond to Petersburg is so rough that at no place is it possible to run any faster than 15 miles an hour. It is full of ruts everywhere.

Take the Chesterfield court house road in preference to the Petersburg pike, regardless of what Virginians may tell you, is Mr. Connell's advice and he drove over both.

Camp Lee is still far from completed and the men are not equipped and do not have sufficient food clothes, Mr. Connell says. They get lots of food to eat and to a man are pleased with their officers, who are all, with the exception of the drill sergeants, products of the officers' training camps. The first contingent men, who have uniforms and guns now, are "drilling their heads off."

### PASTORS RETURNED

Few Changes in Ministers of Methodist Churches.

Methodist Episcopal pastors were appointed to the various parishes in the five districts of the Pittsburgh conference at the 49th annual session of which came to a close in the Buena Vista street church, Pittsburgh, yesterday. Although many changes were made, practically all were among the smaller churches.

Rev. G. L. C. Richardson was returned to the Connelville church, and Rev. H. A. Baum to the Dawson church. Other assignments were: Alverton, William Hamilton; Belle Vernon, J. B. Taylor; Herlin and Shoyetown, W. M. Wagner; Coke station, N. B. Tannehill; Confluence, Watson Bracken; Dunbar, H. L. Humbert; Fairchance, C. W. Ringer; Fayette City, H. D. Rudolph; Layton, W. Forgie; Maestown, W. T. Robinson; Mount Carmel, Alexander Steele; Mount Pleasant, E. J. Knox; Ohioville, H. G. Trimmer; Perryopolis, William Law. The session of the Pittsburgh conference of the African Methodist Episcopal church in Pittsburgh also came to a close yesterday. Rev. A. G. Allen was given the Connelville charge.

### NEW DOG LAW

Owners of Canines to Secure Licenses From County Treasurer Now.

Dog owners must secure licenses from the county treasurer hereafter. A recent law signed by Governor Brumbaugh on July 11 calls upon the assessors of the county to assess every dog in their respective districts and make returns to the county treasurer's office, instead of collecting the tax themselves, as formerly.

The system requires the same procedure under the new law as it is assessed in securing a resident hunter's license. The owner of the dog must apply to the office of the treasurer, in person or by mail, to secure a license tag for his canine. His application must be accompanied by the fee, which remains unchanged, being \$1 a year for male dogs and \$2 a year for females, over six months old. The law becomes operative January 15.

### KNIT FOR RED CROSS

Navy League Women of Scottdale Respond to Appeal for 200 Sets.

Scottdale women who formed a unit of the Charleston comforts branch of the Navy League have decided to drop their work for the sailors and knit for the Red Cross instead, according to Mrs. Mary A. Loucks, who has been in charge of the Navy League in the Mill Town area. Loucks has turned in 143 knitted articles to the league.

Now, however, Scottdale has been asked to knit 200 sets for the Red Cross, and feeling it their duty to help their town in this, and feeling that the need for knitted articles is as great for the soldiers as for the sailors, the women have decided to drop the Navy League work. Mrs. Eva Brown will furnish them with supplies.

## TENTH LEFT THE BORDER FOR HOME JUST A YEAR AGO

Texan Service of Regiment is Recalled as October 5 Rolls Around.

### INOCULATED FOR TYPHOID

Long Hike Scheduled for Fifty-Sixth Brigade When Effects of "Shots" Wear Off; Band Boys Being Drilled in Litter Carrying and "Facing."

CAMP HANCOCK, Augusta, Ga., Oct. 5.—One year ago today, October 5, 1916, while the Tenth Regiment was doing duty in Texas, word was received that they were going home. In less time almost than it takes to tell it the boys had broken camp and were ready to entrain.

The anniversary of this important date has brought back to the boys many odd incidents that they had forgotten, and every place you look you can see one of the old "Vets" surrounded by a circle of "Rookies" listening to the story of some hair-breadth escape. The Hospital Corps is made up of about half new members and they all make good listeners.

Today is a holiday for the men in the Hospital Corps, due to their being inoculated last night. The boys received their first shot of para-typoid and the effects have been generally displeasing. Stiff arms and headaches are in evidence everywhere. If the effects of the inoculation wear off before evening, a big celebration is to be held in honor of the return of the Tenth next year.

After the regular Saturday inspection tomorrow the entire Fifty-Sixth Brigade, consisting of about 6,000 men, will hike six miles into the country, and back. The troops will all carry heavy marching equipment and on the return will be reviewed by Brigadier General Price, commander of that brigade.

The hike tomorrow will be the first one since our arrival in Camp Hancock. All the men are in exceptionally good condition and it is expected that everybody will stand up well.

The band boys are getting their share now. Every morning they are drilled in both the litter drill and the different "facing" by members of the Hospital Corps. They are learning rapidly and will soon be as good as some of the rest of us. At least that's what "Colonel" John Ramage says and he ought to know; he's been drilling them.

Everybody is hungry for a good old Pennsylvania apple. The Georgia apples don't taste nearly so good as the ones we are used to, and besides they are a lot more expensive.

"Pug" Stafford has a beetle of an unusual variety. Stafford is thinking of trading it, as it seems to be a decidedly smart one, and keeping it as a mascot. We had one mascot that was captured by Stafford, a small green snake, but it soon escaped and since then we have been without a pet.

Both the cooks were "under the weather" today due to the effects of the inoculation, but they stood by their posts and nobody was allowed to go hungry. We are pleased to announce this evening that they are both feeling better and everything will go on the same as before.

It would be hard to find another man in camp to compare with our friend Lloyd Shaw. Shaw is as hard as a nail and as brown as an Indian, the very picture of health, which is due to his daily exercise, in both work and play. Lloyd excels in football, although he likes to play baseball best, and he is occasionally entered in the frequent field meets as a crack standing broad jump man. He will don the gloves in the near future and hopes soon to become an authority on pugilistic questions. Shaw's tent is one of the brightest spots in camp and a hearty welcome is accorded to those who drop in for their daily chat.

Bill Struble is on kitchen police today. Struble says he will be good to the boys as he can remember when he was a private himself. Sergeant "Dut" McCormick distributed some very good home made fudge today. Sergeants McCormick and Sheehy have been very fortunate lately in their "boxes" and are always eager to let the other fellows share with them.

Frank Beatty, one of our popular Uniontown members, never tires listening to George Conan singing "Life's a Funny Proposition After All" on the victrola.

Harper Brothers of EVERTON IN SERVICE. Another addition has been made to the long list of families with two brothers in the service, since both William Harper and John Harper of Everton have been called to the colors. William enlisted on April 17, John intended to enlist, but was taken ill, not recovering until the latter part of June. Then he waited for the draft, was examined and passed, and is now at Camp Lee.

Everton has also given the country two brothers from the Pabalsky family and three of the O'Donnell boys.

### CONDUCTOR HURT.

O. B. Craft Falls From Box Car on Baltimore & Ohio.

O. B. Craft of North Pittsburgh street, a Baltimore & Ohio railroad conductor, is in the Cottage State hospital for treatment of a fracture of the right leg suffered when he was thrown from a box car.

Conductor Craft, who was standing on the top of the car was thrown to the ground when it stopped suddenly.

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## LOCAL JEWS HAVE GIVEN \$6,000 FOR WAR RELIEF FUND

Detailed Report of Connelville Committee Shows \$962.50 Collected on Yom Kippur.

Jewish people of Connelville have now contributed over \$6,000 for relief of the Jews in the war zones of Europe. The last large amount of money to be sent away was \$962.50, collected on Yom Kippur in the synagogue here.

Then, in response to letters received by Meyers Aaron from Ex-Ambassador Henry Morgenthau, chairman of the American Jewish Relief committee, a special campaign was inaugurated by the local committee which is composed of S. M. Goodman, Meyer Aaron, S. R. Goldsmith, H. Goldstone, L. Featherman, Jacob Grodzin, Alfred Koback, and E. Horowitz. Appeals were made at the synagogue by Rev. Strauss, Mr. Goodman and Mr. Horowitz. Mr. Horowitz turned the money collected over to Meyer Aaron, treasurer of the local committee, who has forwarded it to national headquarters in New York. Sam Oppenheimer and A. M. Greenblatt assisted the local committee in its work. Contributions made on Yom Kippur were:

Aaron Company, \$150; S. M. Goodman, \$75; J. Bowlyte, \$55; Rapoport, \$40; Featherman company, \$50; A. J. Koback, \$35; E. Horowitz, \$31; Abe Daniels, \$30; Sam Oppenheimer, \$25; Henry Goldsmith, \$25; S. R. Goldsmith, \$25; Jacob Grodzin, \$20; Z. Melnick, \$20; E. T. Rubin, \$15; C. Caplin, \$15; Barnett Kronick, \$15; A. M. Silverman, \$12; J. Sapolsky, \$11; J. Penn, \$11.

Dave Cohen, J. Elkus, Charles Kravetz, William Chellin, Max Levine, J. Kinsbury, Alex Chinn, M. H. Lertson, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Levy, Mr. and Mrs. H. Goldstone and J. Sine, \$10 each.

Henry Cohen, \$7; A. M. Ficks, \$7; H. Melnick, \$7; B. Brown, \$6; I. Omsky, \$6.

D. Simon, Sr., D. Simon, Jr., Lewis Goodman, Leon Kinsbury, Joseph Morris, E. Morris, Harry Nervin, H. Vogel, H. C. Marcus, Mr. and Mrs. William Goldstone, Dr. A. L. Tucker, H. Mart, L. Mart, S. Mart, A. Mart, Sol Rosenfeld, J. Newburg, D. Olsky, Morris Smith, Jacob Rosenbloom, Max Rackoff, \$5 each.

Miss Mary Nervin, Mrs. Joseph Nervin, Max Kolt, Mrs. Harry S. Miller, Max Krönick, H. Krönick, L. Krönick, Joseph Rosenbloom, Mrs. Joseph Rosenbloom, Mrs. Esther Rosenbloom, A. M. Greenblatt, Mr. and Mrs. M. Cohen, S. E. Kinsbury, William Herzberg, H. Rhodie, Rev. S. Strauss, Isadore Featherman, S. Schwartz, \$3 each.

C. J. Packman, \$25; J. Edelman, M. Horvitz, C. Nagdovitz, M. Roder, Rev. A. Sinsky, Joseph Cohen, Harry Cohen, Mr. Shoffer, Joseph Penn, Mrs. Jacob Rosenbloom, Max Brodsky, Mrs. A. Frank, Miss Sadie Goldstone, \$2 each; J. Rosenberg, Rudolph Goldstone, \$1 each.

### COUNCIL TO ATTEND CRAWFORD MEMORIAL DEDICATION ON 19TH

City Fathers Accept Invitation Extended by the Memorial Commission.

Council Monday accepted the invitation of the Crawford memorial commission to be on hand for the unveiling on the 19th. Councilman M. B. Pryce made a resolution, following the reading of the letter of invitation, that the council attend in a body, and that Mayor R. Marlette make a speech. The last clause was deleted from the resolution, however, at the request of the mayor.

A photograph of J. R. Balsley's picture of the Crawford spring house, taken in 1904, when the famous old structure was still standing on Eighth street, West Side, is being exhibited in the windows of the First National bank, and is attracting special attention because of the unveiling of the Crawford memorial which is to take place on Friday, October 19.

The original photograph of the spring house was framed with wood taken from a plank which was a part of the Crawford log cabin, which stood many years ago at a point not far from the spring house, which has now been torn down also, and not far from the site of the new Crawford school on Seventh street. The picture in the bank window is a photograph of the entire framed picture owned by Mr. Balsley.

### AUTO ACCIDENTS

Car Hangs on Edge of Narrows; Ford in Wreck Near Scottdale.

Several automobile accidents occurred Sunday, although none of them so far as could be learned, were serious. One car ran through the fence on the Narrows but did not go over the hill. The accident occurred Sunday when the driver failed to see the road, while passing another machine.

A Saxon car lost a rear wheel near the "horseshoe" bend on the Broad Ford road, while returning from Scottdale Saturday. A Ford is reported to have been wrecked near Scottdale yesterday. No details could be learned.

Lint-Strom, Miss Millie Lint of Vanderbilt, and Cletis Stroms of Connelville, were married Monday at the Great Bethel Baptist church, Uniontown. Rev. J. S. Bromley, the pastor, officiated.

New B. & O. Matron. Mrs. Sarah E. Williams of Sycamore street, is a new matron at the Baltimore & Ohio station. Mrs. Williams is the widow of Harry J. Williams, a Baltimore & Ohio engineer, who died recently.

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## The Grim Reaper

ROBERT GRAY.

Robert Gray, 75, died on Thursday evening at his home in White Rocks. He is survived by his widow, two daughters, Mrs. Elizabeth Grimm of Leisenring; Mrs. Jeanette Alexander of Cambria county, and eight sons, Robert, of Indiana county; Peter and Morris, at home; William, of Brownsville; Alex. of Houston; John, of Edinboro; James E. of Revere, and Daniel, of Cambria county.

MRS. LUCY JANE WILSON. Mrs. Lucy Jane Wilson, wife of J. W. Wilson, died Thursday at her home in Uniontown.

DR. JOHN EDWIN RIGG. Dr. John Edwin Rigg, 63 years old, died Thursday at his home at the Greensburg and Northern Pikes, Wilkesburg. Dr. Rigg was a brother of Rev. M. A. Rigg of Leechburg, a former pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal church of Connelville.

JAMES WHALEN. James Whalen, 70 years old, a former well known resident of Connelville, died Saturday afternoon at 4:45 o'clock at his home at Irwin. Last Tuesday he was stricken with apoplexy and never regained consciousness. Funeral Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock from the Immaculate Conception church of Irwin, of which Mr. Whalen was a member. Solemn high mass of requiem will be celebrated. Interment in the Irwin cemetery. Mr. Whalen resided in Connelville for 25 years and was in the employ of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad since 1887. He is survived by the following children: Mrs. Herbert VanWyck of Detroit, Mich.; Mrs. William Brown of Chicago; Joseph of Midland, Pa.; John F. and Camilla of Irwin. One sister, Mrs. William Furst of North, Sids, and one grandchild also survive. Mrs. Whalen died four years ago.

ANNE BOYLUTICE. Annie Boylutice, nine months old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emory Boylutice of Davidson, died Saturday.

MRS. CATHERINE HOUGH. Mrs. Catherine A. Hough, wife of Elroy Hough of Chestnut street, Scottdale, died Sunday evening at 9:15 in the South Side hospital, Pittsburgh, following an operation. She was taken to the hospital last Wednesday. The body was brought home yesterday afternoon. Funeral services will be held Thursday at 2 o'clock from the Chestnut street home, with interment in the Scottdale cemetery.

Mrs. Hough is survived by her husband, and two sisters, Mrs. William Morris of Everett, and Mrs. Dorcas Smith of Upper Middletown. One brother, John Torrence of Dawson, also survives.

### JOHN ELLENBERGER.

The funeral of John Ellenberger, who died Sunday morning at his home at Dawson was held Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock, with interment in Cochran cemetery. Mr. Ellenberger was 82 years old, and a veteran of the Civil War. He was a private in Company F, 165th Regiment Pennsylvania Infantry during the war. He was a son of Uriah and Elizabeth Ellenberger and was a member of the



## SIX KILLED, THREE INJURED WHEN AUTOMOBILE IS STRUCK BY STREET CAR AT JUNIATA

Mrs. Frank Thorpe, Four Children and a Colored Girl Victims; All of Bitner.

### NINE PASSENGERS IN FORD

Party on Way to Mine Home From Visit to Relatives Above Dunbar; Seen Driving Machine Falls to Pieces; Trucking Unit Is Almost Upon Him

Six persons—Mrs. Frank Thorpe and her four children and Nellie Washington, a colored girl—were instantly killed and three others, two of them members of the Thorpe family, were injured when a West Penn street car struck the Ford touring car in which the nine were riding at the Juniata road crossing about 4.45 o'clock Sunday evening.

The automobile reached the crossing just as the 4.15 Phillips car from Connelville came along. The machine was demolished and parts of it carried up the track for a considerable distance. The occupants were mangled beneath the wheels of the electric car, the bodies of the victims being horribly mutilated.

**THE DEAD.**  
Mrs. RACHIE THORPE, 35 years old, wife of Frank Thorpe, of Bitner, mother of four of the dead.  
LENA THORPE, 15 years old.  
RUSSELL THORPE, 16 years old.  
WILLIAM THORPE, 20 years old.  
NELLIE WASHINGTON, 15 years old of Dunbar.

**THE INJURED.**  
JOSEPH THORPE, 13 years old; lacerations of scalp and left leg; at Cottage State hospital.  
JAMES THORPE, 20 years old; of Republic; driver of car; lacerations about head and face; at father's home in Bitner.

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Following the collision, it is said, the car went on from the road, known as the "Dogtown Crossing," just this side of Juniata, to the switch at Juniata, returning then to the scene of the accident. In the meantime, an autoist had stopped at Connelville with William Thorpe and Sam Washington, the injured James Thorpe, the third injured man, having disappeared from the scene. At Leaning Rock No. 1, the driver had a blowout, but just at this time the car carrying the dead bodies came up, and the injured were transferred to it.

News of the accident had preceded the car here, and a big crowd was waiting at the station, but the morbid curiosity was disappointed, for the bodies were transferred to the dead wagons and the injured men to the ambulance at the car barn on the West Side.

The Thorpe family was on its way home from a day spent in the mountains. Frank Thorpe, the father, had borrowed the car for the day to take the family to visit Mrs. Sarah Douglas, a relative living above Dunbar. The Washingtons, who had known the family for years, were invited to go along. Thorpe had intended to leave his mother, sisters, and brothers at their home and take the other two to Uniontown on his way back to Republic.

The car approached the Dogtown crossing on a down grade, then, after passing the road, entered a hill. The road made a curve on each side of the track, the West Penn having raised the tracks four feet above the ordinary road.

Thorpe's view of the coming car was obscured by the little bank of earth at the side of the road. As he mounted the incline leading to the crossing, he exclaimed, "My God, here comes the car," according to the story which he told his father, who in turn related it to Coroner R. H. Baum last night. It was too late to stop the machine then, and he tried to get across ahead of the car. The front track was safely across when the trouble came along.

On a change of the car, which left Connelville at 4.15, was Conductor Freeman G. Pyle, with Wendell Carroll as motorman.

The Ford was struck with great force and a large portion of the wreckage was thrown into a ditch at the right side of the tracks, and from under this wreckage, the crowd which had quickly gathered, saw Sam Washington crawl. The negro is least hurt of any in the accident. James Thorpe, the driver, disappeared for a time, having been seen running over the hill holding his head. Later he returned to the scene of the accident, and was taken to his father's home at Bitner by a passing automobile.

There he told Mr. Thorpe the story of the accident. The father, dazed and bewildered, came at once to Connelville, and told his son's story to Coroner Baum, who came down early from Uniontown. "My son always was a good driver," he said, "and I am sure he wasn't going any too fast. He has been very good and comes up from Republic every once in a while and takes the whole family out for a drive." Every member of Mr. Thorpe's family was included in the tragic accident.

All of the nine occupants of the Ford were thrown out and a majority of them were ground under the wheels of the car. The body of Mrs. Thorpe was horribly mangled, so that

## 97 OUT OF TOWN PUPILS ENROLL IN CITY HIGH SCHOOL

Tuition Amounting to \$5,000, Will Be Paid By Their Home Districts.

### COAL SITUATION TALKED

Board Has as Yet Received No Definite Proposition For Supplying Fuel to Schools This Winter; Tuition in Grades Is Increased by Board

Tuition received from high school students from out-of-town, whose school districts pay for them because of lack of a complete course at home, will amount this year to approximately \$5,000, it was learned at last week's school board meeting. There are 97 such students, and in addition there are a number paying their own tuition. This amount merely covers the actual cost of education, and the district makes no gain from these pupils. The cost in high school runs between \$5 and \$6 a month. State law requires that no more shall be charged in high school than necessary for the actual cost of the course.

Tuition in the grades was increased last night. Out-of-town pupils in Grades 1 to 6 will pay \$2.50 now and those in Grades 7 and 8, who will go to the new high school building, will be charged \$3.50 a month. The tuition in all grades was formerly \$2 a month. The greater portion of last night's session was occupied in discussing the coal situation. The directors are having quite a time getting coal for the winter. W. W. Smith reported that he had seen the Washington Coal & Coke company and the Weyel company but that they had no definite propositions to offer the board.

The contract for putting in a concrete sidewalk around the Crawford school building on the West Side was let to Malachi Dugan, at a price of 20 cents a square foot. There were bids of 25 cents by C. W. Bettler, and 23 cents by Mr. Lambert.

The power contract with the West Penn, discussed at a previous meeting, was signed.

The subject of insurance for the new high school building was considered, but no action taken. Janitors' salaries were fixed.

A list of the 97 pupils whose school districts are paying their tuition here and who were formally accepted as pupils by the board last night, follows: Connelville Township—Harriet Whitman, Gertrude Sparks, Nellie Davis, Mildred Reich, Frances Leichter, Mary Lou Coughenour, Margaret Oppman, Alice Crawford, Carolyn Tennant, Lewis Plazoff, Laura Belle Koozer, George Buchholz, Earl Whitman, Audrie Sparks, Roy Shultz, Mildred Morse, Florence Breck, Arzain Filburn.

Bullskin Township—Florence Belle Grim, Hanna Auer, Ernest Landenberg, Benish Monahan, Emma Louise Stillwagon, Valeta Martin, J. Donald Lehart, Irene Koozer, Mary Rehnert, Ralph Hacy, Althea Fisher, Beulah Detwiler, Irene Clifford, Merri Boyd.

South Huntingdon Township—Florence Rowe, Edgar McGuire, Cordelia Hand, Mary Ruesch, Helen Semko, Dawson Borough—Charles Zimmerman, Thomas Zimmerman, Darryl Brothers, Pauline Townsend, Braden Sherbondy, Frank Mitchell.

Smithton Borough—John Sheppard, Clara Hepler, Allen Smith, Edna Tietz, Mable Bateman, Patsy Marietta, John Harris, Ethel Clare Rhodes, Wm. Jones, Cuba Jones.

Rosetown Township—William McManis, Olive McNell, Clabby Flora, Rose Florio, Alberta Danielson.

Oliphry Borough—Evelyn Cunningham, Gladys Davis, Leland Woodman, David Smith.

Dunbar Borough—Van Frost, Miriam Warnes, Della Baker, Ernest Corrado.

Springfield Township—Sadie Koozer, Katherine May, Sara Channing, Franklin Township—Lillian McDowell and Mabel Maize.

Upper Tyrone Township—Madelene Blocker and Lydia Stillwagon.

Stewart Township—Ruple Mitchell and Russell Mitchell.

Saltlick Township—Neil Berg and Lesley Sparks.

North Union Township—Edith Dutermore.

Rockwood Borough—Useba Holcomb.

Dunbar Township—Brendon Dull, Vanderbilt Borough—Henry Shalenger.

Ursina Borough—Helen MacMillan, Walter Edman, Edward Howe.

South Connelville—Leona Baer, Edna Hart, Ida Burkhardt, Esther Sullivan, Elizabeth Ward, Munden Shumaker, Charles Carson, Lawrence Weaver, Roland Baer, Harry DeBolt.

**HARD ON SOLDIERS**

New Orders on Department and Appointments Strict.

CAMP HANCOCK, Oct. 6.—General orders issued Monday from division headquarters relative to deportments and appointments of officers and enlisted men while in Augusta have been received with universal regret and disappointment. By the orders all mounted troops will be required to wear canvas leggings with leather reinforcements. This affects the cavalry and artillery which, up until the present, have been permitted to wear leather puttees. The men of the First Pennsylvania Cavalry and the Artillery Brigade are bemoaning the fortunes of war which make possible such horrors.

By the order all officers and enlisted men will be required to wear coats except when on fatigue duty. All officers will also be compelled to habitually sleep at the camp.

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## MARION GILCHRIST FIRST LIEUTENANT IN AVIATION CORPS

Former Local Boy Wins Commission in Uncle Sam's Aerial Forces.

Marion Gilchrist, who enlisted in the aviation corps several months ago, has been appointed first lieutenant in the Signal Officers Reserve Corps and is in San Diego, Cal., awaiting orders to leave for the officers' training camp at Berkeley, Cal.

According to a letter received by his aunt, Miss Edith Hyatt, he has not been flying for about a week. He accompanied Captain Smith on an altitude trip and reached the 9,000 foot level. Lieutenant Gilchrist is a son of W. D. Gilchrist of Ambridge, Pa., and a grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Allen Hyatt of Connelville. He has many friends in Connelville, having spent much of his time here.

### ARTHUR MUNK TRANSFERRED TO ENGINEER REGIMENT

A. C. Munk, son of Alderman Fred Munk, at Camp Sherman, Chillicothe, O., has been transferred from the 330th Infantry to the 308th Engineers, Alderman Munk learned.

### FENIELLO DIDN'T EXPECT TO STAY AT CAMP LEE

A card from John Feniello received by Foster Critchfield today says: "Excuse me for not writing sooner but I didn't expect to stay," which seems to indicate that John has been passed and is now a soldier. Feniello went with the last contingent to Camp Lee. He is one half an inch under the required height, but requested to be allowed to go. He got "fooled," however, when the army examining officers passed him. He asks for some news of the C. H. S. football team, stating that his team plays tomorrow.

### TREATS TROOPS

Mrs. Cochran Gives Regiment Passing Through Candy and Cigarettes.

Mrs. Sarah B. Cochran of St. James Park, Dawson, Friday afternoon treated a regiment of troops passing through here to 60 pounds of candy and 2,000 cigarettes. The troop train went through on the Baltimore & Ohio at about 4 o'clock, being occupied by a regiment of men enlisted in Western lumber camps. A few of the officers ran up French street to the Tri-State Candy company. Mrs. Cochran, who happened to be in the building, told them to take whatever they wanted.

Some of the uniformed men began grabbing sample pails of candy and others took the cartons of cigarettes. They rushed back to the station just in time to get aboard the train.

### COMPLETES TOUR

Superintendent Carroll Finishes Inspection Trip to All Schools.

County Superintendent John S. Carroll has completed an inspection tour of 17 days, during which he visited 130 schools and traveled 1,300 miles in his automobile. Mr. Carroll reports that the shortage of teachers is really critical. A number of the young men instructors have been drafted.

Three Connelville teachers and five Dunbar teachers, in addition, have passed civil service examinations. Aside from the shortage in teachers which has necessitated the temporary closing of many of the township schools, the schools are in excellent condition, with attendance especially large.

### BOOST LIBERTY LOAN.

Bowman and Areford Look Over Situation in Local Banks.

M. H. Bowman, chairman of the executive committee for the second Liberty loan campaign in Fayette county, and E. S. Areford, secretary of the same committee, both of Uniontown, were in Connelville Friday, distributing posters to the banks and looking over the situation locally.

Backers here told Mr. Bowman and Mr. Areford that they are expecting to sell at least \$700,000 worth of bonds. In the last campaign, Connelville's total was \$469,000.

### CAMPBELL CALLED.

Leaves to Join "Mosquito Fleet" at Norfolk, Va.

Benjamin Campbell, son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Campbell of Green street, Friday received a call to join the "mosquito fleet" at Norfolk, Va. He joined several months ago. He will leave Monday.

Rockwell Dull, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Dull, is still awaiting call. John P. Kephardt reported several weeks ago.

### FEW CHESTNUTS.

Blight Sweeping Entire State and Crop Will Be Small.

Reports indicate that the crop of chestnuts in this section will be unusually small this year. The burrs are small and so are the nuts, what there are of them.

The chestnut blight remains unchecked, despite the efforts of state officials, although they have been able to control the white pine blister and other tree-damaging causes.

**Now Lance Corporal.**

Henry F. Batley, who joined the engineers five months ago, has been appointed lance corporal. Henry writes to friends here that his new rank gives him the privilege of wearing the engineers' castle on his arm. He has made many friends in Corps Christi.

**Girl at Santmyer Home.**

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Santmyer of Star Junction, are receiving congratulations upon the birth of their first daughter, Ethel Loreta Santmyer, Monday. The other two children are boys.

## FAYETTE BOYS IN WINNING COMPANY IN CONTEST DRILL

Keen Competition Among Men Who Arrived First at Camp Lee.

### BOXING FAVORITE PASTIME

Lots of Combats With the Gloves Are Staged; Brown and Cunningham Have a Set-to in Which Tennis Player Is Worsted; Personal Notes.

CAMP LEE, Petersburg, Va., Oct. 4.—Companies A and E of the 319th Regiment had the first of a series of three competitive drills this afternoon to decide which of the two will go to Richmond next week to take part in the Virginia state fair. These commands are composed of about the first men to come here and being the first to be fitted out with uniforms and rifles were picked to compete for the trip. The contest started on the large drill field in front of the camp. P. M. and was witnessed by all the other companies of the regiment. The work of the two companies was fine and impressive, and the applause was not at all lacking. Although it was decided by the judges that the contest was won by Company E, competition was very keen.

It is astonishing to see the progress being made by National Army men in so short a period. In Company E are many Fayette county boys, mostly from Uniontown. It was a pleasure to see how they showed the Smoky City crowd up. When the entire regiment is supplied with uniforms, passing review will be held on the drill field in the evening at the hour of retreat, and will be witnessed by visitors from Richmond, Petersburg and other surrounding cities. The former will take the place of retreat when the men fall in at their respective barracks each evening. This is the most impressive ceremony of the day.

Boxing is getting to be one of the main pastimes here. In the upper half of our barracks several short bouts took place this evening, one of which was a three round affair between John Brown and Patsy Cunningham. Brown seemed to have the upper hand of his opponent at the start of round one, but Patsy made a whirlwind finish, placing a few uppercuts under Brown's chin, and at the end of round three the teensy player threw up the sponge.

Arthur Graam, Clyde Howard and Dave Patterson were shopping in Petersburg Wednesday. This was their maiden trip to town.

Oliver ("Mike") Goldsmith is an expert at doing the work of a washerman. Mike is coming into the limelight.

After the war is over and the boys come marching home Captain Connel will be known as "Jay," not J. J. His front name has been altered because J. J. says the girls will like it better.

Thurman Bisher is the very picture of health since coming down here. Dave Patterson and Frank Patrick are the happiest boys in camp today. They were recipients of letters from their lady friends, and as a result are wearing smiles about 6x12.

"On to Richmond" is the cry now of the Company E boys.

Wearing a bunch of alfalfa under the nose is getting to be a common thing among the second contingent of Connelville boys, who are located at the lower end of the horseshoe. How naughty?

Clyde Howard is patiently waiting to hear from some of his friends back home. Clyde specifies the girls.

Orlando Leighty has contracted a habit of throwing shadows with a mirror on his roommates in the bunk room.

"Jahle" Horowitz and Ewing Harmon have a heated argument every night as to whether the window at the foot of their bunk shall be open or shut. If Harmon goes to bed first he opens the window. Then when Jake climbs in the hay hit shuts it. When Jake begins to saw wood, Harmon is awakened by the flying sawdust and gets out again and opens it, and so on. Well I won't say any more, but as a general rule the window is open in the morning.

Henry Brown of Connelville, known as the heavyweight guy of Camp Lee, while perched on a two-canted board that was resting on two corners, was seen thundering on the ground when the board gave way with his weight. Brown has about 300 pounds of avertupois on his frame.

**M. E. N. Would Care For Draftees.**

PITTSBURGH, Oct. 8.—The Pittsburgh conference of the Methodist Episcopal church here today passed a resolution providing for the appointment of two persons from each conference of the Methodist Episcopal diocese to confer with Bishop Franklin Hamilton concerning the spiritual care of selected men in the National Army camps. The resolutions were adopted by the resolution are those of Pittsburgh, West Virginia and Erie, Pa.

Frank Grenold Exempted.

Tony and Michael Grenold, who were called home from Camp Hancock at Augusta, Ga., on account of the death of their father, James Montello, will not leave for camp until next Friday, having been granted a 10-day furlough. Their brother, Frank, who left here September 23 with the draftees, will not return to camp. He was disqualified on account of defective eyesight.

Have You Coal Land for Sale? If so, advertise in The Weekly Courier.

## INSURANCE ADJUSTER FIXES LOSS IN ELIARD HOME FIRE AT \$1,750

This, However, Does Not Include Damage Suffered by Tenants of the Place.

The J. S. Eliard property at the corner of Race street and Davidson avenue was damaged to the extent of \$1,750 by fire and water, according to an adjustment made by insurance men Friday. Most of this damage was caused by water, the fire having been comparatively small.

The adjustment is only on insurance carried by Mr. Eliard on his property. Tenants of the place, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gilbert and Mr. and Mrs. A. C. White, had practically all of their furniture, clothing and personal belongings ruined.

Mrs. J. S. Eliard states that the \$1,750 does not cover their loss, the adjustment being made on what was covered by their insurance policies. After the fire some controversy arose, Chief W. E. DeBolt fixing the loss at about \$400 while the Eliard family put it in the thousands.

### DRAFTYES OF ZONE 2 SAFE IN CAMP AFTER 23 HOURS ON TRAIN

Men Who Left Saturday Night Arrive at Petersburg Cantonment; Some in 319th Infantry.

CAMP LEE, Petersburg, Va., Oct. 8.—The third contingent of draftees, from District No. 2, Connelville, arrived here safely at 11 o'clock last night, after being on the road for about 23 hours.

For the present, a few of them have been attached to the 319th Regiment, Infantry, Company C. The rest have been assigned to another part of the camp and will be attached to a different command later.

There were no mishaps enroute, and the boys are all well. They report having had a jolly time on the train. In spite of the tiredness of the journey.

Thousands of men saw the world series game yesterday replayed, lining by lining, on a large sign board illuminated by electricity.

### TEACHER WINS APPEAL

Ivy Mountain Case Ordered Reopened By Superior Court.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 8.—Among superior court decisions today was the case of Ivy Mountain vs. commonwealth appeal from Fayette county common pleas court. The latter's decision was reversed, the case was reinstated, and the records remitted for further proceedings.

The higher court decision noted above will mean the reopening of one of the most interesting and widely discussed cases in the history of Fayette county. Back in 1914, Ivy Mountain, a Springfield township school teacher, was fined by a justice of the peace for punishing a boy pupil. It was alleged that the teacher held the boy at bay with a red hot poker while she chastised him. The boy's father prosecuted the teacher and she was fined. An appeal was taken to court and the justice's decision was sustained. The case was carried to the superior court, and a decision rendered there today, reversing the local court.

The amusement and recreation end of the service has advanced as much if not more than any other branch. The present schedule of eight hours' work every day, which is probably the most work ever required of the state guardsmen, makes it necessary that the play hours as well as the working hours be organized. This is brought about by the various committees and boards that are named in each regiment to look after it.

The Y. M. C. A. has helped as much as anybody else to bring this end, they being established now in every part of camp. All sorts of sporting equipment is on hand for the use of the different baseball and football teams, as well as equipment for almost any other kind of a game.

"Crimes and Atrocities of Our Enemy" was the subject upon which Chaplain Schell of the Fourth spoke yesterday evening. A more learned man would be hard to find. Especially is Chaplain Schell well read on the subject of the present war.

**MUSIC LACKING**

Bands Shy About Turning Out to See Draftees Off.

There was much criticism expressed today of the apparent lack of interest in the draftees' departure Saturday night and Sunday. Nobody seemed interested much outside of the volunteer firemen, who are always on the job, and there was no music of any kind. The Saturday night band provided their own musical inspiration as they marched to the station by singing, led by one Everson youth with a lousy fife.

Although there are five or six bands in the region from which the draftees come, none has turned out when any of the drafted men have departed. On two occasions bands from Everson and vicinity have come here as escorts of men from that section but the Connelville Military band has been in evidence on none of the four occasions when men have gone away to the war. A lot of people are outspoken in their criticism of an institution which bears the town's name but cannot see fit to turn out on such occasions, even though uninvited. Needless to say, the men who at some future time may be called on to sacrifice their lives for the folks back home would appreciate it.

**ONE DRAFTER REJECTED.**

T. R. Kelly of Dunbar Fails to Pass Examination at Camp Lee.

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## SOLDIERS' PLAY IS NOT NEGLECTED AT CAMP HANCOCK

Recreation Looked After With As Great Care as Daily Drilling.

### AUGUSTA RESIDENTS HELP

Talented People From the Georgia City Take Part in Weekly Yandeville Show; Baseball Game Between All-Stars and Little Giants.

CAMP HANCOCK, Oct. 3.—Camp Hancock awoke to the fact today that it had at least one live organization in its midst, when two teams made up entirely of Hospital Corps men, clashed in the diamond for the championship battle of the season. The "Little Giants," piloted by Captain John Cuneo, and the "All Stars," in charge of Sergeant Bill Bisset, put up one of the finest and closest games that was ever seen in a soldiers' camp. According to the spectators, and there were many, the game, with the exception of the eighth and ninth innings, would have done credit to any of the major league teams. The last part of the game the "All Stars" took advantage of an opportunity to score, and not satisfied to keep the lead by a few runs, piled up run after run until the game finally ended 14 to 4 in their favor. Following is the lineup: "All Stars"—Detwiler, pitcher; Smith, shortstop; Strehle, catcher; Freeman, first base; Beatty, second base; Powell, third base; Biesel, left field; Hightower, center field; Martray, right field.

"Little Giants"—Cuneo, pitcher; Darr, catcher; Sheetz, shortstop; Miller, first base; Crowley, second base; Sudzik, third base; C. McCormick, left field; Herwick, center field; Shaw, right field.

The regular weekly vaudeville show was presented to a large audience last night on the platform erected for that purpose, directly in the rear of the regimental headquarters. There were plenty of acts, each one being different from the other, and all highly entertaining. The main attractions were the different numbers presented by the people of Augusta who rendered musical selections and readings. The Augustans have done much to help these entertainments by sending their best talent here to help make the show a success. The fact that the show is held by the soldiers and for the soldiers makes it almost necessary for the management to import some civilian talent.

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## OFFICERS' LIFE NICE BUT OH SO VERY EXPENSIVE

They Have to Buy Their Own  
Equipment Which Costs  
Considerable.

### SETS THEM BACK A BIT

Three Pairs of Shoes, \$30; Uniform,  
Three Pairs of Pants, \$38; Hat, \$5  
to \$8; Tailored Serge and Tailored  
Wool Uniform, \$90—and Lots More.

There are lots of nice things in  
favor of being a commissioned army  
officer these days—things that most  
any civilian knows and can appre-  
ciate to a certain extent. Navy  
clothes, leadership, social standing.  
But what is the cost, asks the man  
of meagre means and a good chance  
of attending one of the officers' train-  
ing camps. There's the rub—the cost!  
Officers, unlike privates, must pur-  
chase their own uniforms and outfit.

If you would give ear to some of  
the men fresh from the officers' train-  
ing camps, who have, by decree of  
the fate, not been blessed with an  
over abundance of money, it is to  
wonder at their expenses.

An officer's equipment, clothing and  
belongings list is as long as the pre-  
vailing milkman's day. It costs in  
proportion to length, if you take their  
word for it. Here's a sample of the  
purchase list of a young officer who  
got a good grade of whatever he  
bought—nothing very cheap—nothing  
very fine.

Three pairs of shoes \$30 leather  
puttees \$10, apron \$10, puttees  
\$5.50, cotton knee uniform, three  
pairs breeches two dollars, \$38  
hat, \$5 to \$8, hat cord \$1.50, rain-  
coat \$7.50, wool socks (12 pair) \$6  
underwear at any price from \$2 a  
suit up, pajamas, \$10, olive drab  
shirt \$5 each, cap \$4, tailored serge  
and tailored wool uniform, \$90, over-  
coat, \$40 up, extra pair breeches, \$15,  
lace trench boots, \$12 to \$15, toilet  
kit, \$1.50 up, sweater \$3.50, bedding  
roll \$12, mattress, \$5, blankets (two)  
\$16, trunk, \$7 to \$12, "housewife"  
of needles, thread, etc., \$1 to \$2, re-  
volver, \$25, holster, \$6, belt, \$4.50,  
magazine pouch \$1.50 two extra mag-  
azines, \$2.50, army rifle \$20, field  
glass, anywhere from \$25 to more  
than \$100, folding cot, \$25.

That represents an outfit of be-  
tween \$400 and \$500 and does not in-  
clude haversack, mess cases, com-  
mand can, bacon can, knife, fork,  
spoon, pack carrier, canteen, cup, first  
aid pouch and many other incidentals.  
Nor does it include the probable cost  
that might result when a change is  
made in officers' uniforms which is  
not infrequent.

Soldiers of the new National Army  
are learning a great many new things  
these days. Sewing is becoming a  
regular part of each day's duties, not  
from requirement of official military  
orders, but from necessity. Patching  
and darning goes with the other  
needlework.

So the selective draft men are be-  
coming efficient "housewives." Many  
have a "housewife" outfit, which is  
considered a very important part of  
the soldiers' kit nowadays. It consists  
of needles and thread, buttons of var-  
ious sizes for various parts of the  
wardrobe and other things necessary  
to keeping clothes patched and stock-  
ings darned.

And last but not least, each man  
must know how to "make up" his  
own bed and how to keep his par-  
ticular part of the barracks building  
or bunk hall in proper order.

After arising in the morning there  
is a certain period set aside each day  
for cleaning up. The straw bed ticks  
and blankets on each bunk must be  
doubled back from the foot of the  
cot "just so." Hand bags or bundles  
belonging to the soldier must be  
placed just so, and everything else he  
has of a personal nature must have  
its place. This includes writing ma-  
terials, books, papers and magazines.  
It is a breach of the rules to leave  
things scattered about.

Should the recruit spill a bit of  
coffee or drop a bit of bread or upset  
the sugar bowl on the long mess table  
it is his duty to repair the wrong.  
There are no waiters, no lackeys, no  
maids or servants of any sort to help  
the individuals in the military camp.  
Each fellow is responsible for his  
own well being, his own personal ap-  
pearance and his own welfare.

Officers say there is one sure way to  
find if the privates in a company or  
in a regiment are interested in their  
work. That is to find if they talk  
drilling, discuss their work among  
themselves or if they study what  
they are working at day by day—if  
they are taking more than a passing  
interest in their new life.

Dealers in books and in military  
supplies vouchsafe the information  
that the demand for drill manuals is  
wonderful. Hundreds of the enlisted  
men are trying to buy the booklets  
at 50 and 75 cents each to learn in  
detail what they have been practicing  
and what they are going to practice  
in the days to come. At the barracks  
any evening one can find little groups  
of men talking about the various or-  
ders they have been following and  
even some they have anticipated. And  
they are reading war stories and in-  
cidents. Magazines with good from  
the front, yarns and newspapers with  
stories from the correspondents at the  
front are prizes.

There is no question about the men  
being interested in what they are do-  
ing. They do not finish the day's  
manual labor and forget about it.  
They are living it, breathing it, think-  
ing it. The life of the soldier to the  
majority is a big adventure, one would  
think, and they are making the best  
of it. There are exceptions but they  
are decreasing in number every day.

## THE RANK AND FILE IS TAKING TO THIS NEW LIFE LIKE THEY ENJOY IT. AND MOST OF THEM ARE GETTING MORE FUN AND SAT- ISFACTION FROM IT THAN FROM ANYTHING THEY EVER TRIED BEFORE.

### FIRE CHIEF INSISTS ELIARD FIRE DAMAGE WILL BE ONLY \$400

Family Contents That Entire Struc-  
ture and Furnishings  
Are Ruined.

Although the owner of the house  
contends that it will have to be com-  
pletely remodeled, Fire Chief DeBolt  
claims that the fire loss at the Eliard  
fire on Tuesday night was not more  
than \$400.

Incidentally, the chief explained  
just what fire loss is. His report to the  
city and state fire marshal gives an  
estimate of the actual damage done  
by the flames. The total damage  
by smoke and water may be many  
times that amount. The insurance  
company, however, bases their ad-  
justment on the actual loss sustained.

When told that the fire chief, esti-  
mated the loss at \$400, Mrs. J. S.  
Eliard was horrified. "Why our  
whole house is ruined," she declared.  
"It is crasped from top to bottom."  
Walls, paper, carpets, bedding, fur-  
niture, even our children are soaked  
through and through. We hardly  
have a place left to lay our heads.  
It would not have been so bad if they  
had not poured water over the whole  
place. As it is, we don't know where  
to turn our hands. Anyone who looks  
the place over will readily realize the  
great damage that was done."

Fire Chief W. E. DeBolt also states  
that the fire in the Eliard home was  
not caused by electric wires. He  
made a complete investigation yester-  
day and found that the wires were  
not near the place where the fire  
started. The insulation was burnt  
off, and then during the course of the  
fire, however, and the lights in the house  
extinguished.

Chief DeBolt attributes the fire to  
rubbish in the attic store room where  
the blaze started. In that room there  
was a small round burn on the floor  
as if a wastebasket had been consum-  
ed. From here the fire leaped to some  
two-by-fours supporting the roof of the  
wall being unfinished on the store  
room side, and spread to the Gilbert  
apartment.

### A CURFEW COP NOW

Patrolman Shumaker to Chase Kid-  
dies Home at Night.

There is going to be something do-  
ing in the way of curfew enforcement  
from now on. The new schedule of  
police beats posted Wednesday names  
Patrolman J. A. Shumaker as cur-  
few cop and it will be his duty to see  
that kiddies, 15 and under, are off  
the streets by 9 o'clock P. M. The  
curfew cop starts on the scent of  
violators promptly at 8:45.

The curfew whistle has been blow-  
ing twice nightly for a year or more  
and the kiddies have been on the  
streets at all hours unmolested. Pres-  
ent indications are that they will be  
chased home now when the brewery  
shen shrieks.

Other beats were assigned as fol-  
lows: Chief B. Butler 8 A. M. to 9  
P. M., assistant Chief W. B. Bowers  
3 P. M. to 3 A. M., J. W. Mitchell,  
city detective, continuous, P. M. Rul-  
li, 6 P. M. to 6 A. M., corner Charles  
Shipley, 6 A. M. to 6 P. M., corner  
Aaron Coughenour 6 P. M. to 6 A. M.,  
South Side, James Francis 6 P. M. to  
6 A. M., North Side, Thomas Mc-  
Donald, 6 P. M. to 6 A. M., West Side,  
J. H. Barnes, 6 P. M. to 6 A. M., Water  
street square, D. H. Turner, 6 A. M. to  
6 P. M., city I. A. Shumaker, 6  
P. M. to 6 A. M., curfew—City.

### TWO BABIES DIE

Cholera Infantum Claims Victims at  
Mt. Braddock and Stewart.

Cholera infantum resulted in the  
death of two infants Wednesday.  
Charles Baker, six months old son of  
Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Baker of Mount  
Braddock died last evening. Funeral  
tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from  
the Mount Braddock church. Interment  
at Percy Funeral Director J. T.  
Burhans of Dunbar will have charge.

Jack Gibson, the four months old  
son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gibson  
of Stewart died Wednesday. Funeral  
services were held this afternoon at 1  
o'clock from the Baptist church, with  
interment in the Baptist cemetery.  
Funeral Director C. B. Brooks of  
Indian Head had charge.

### GIRL LEAVES HOME

Goes Away With Servant Who Had  
Been Working in the House.

When Margaret Borach left the  
home of Mrs. George B. Gemas of  
Washington avenue where she had  
been working, last Friday night, she  
took with her Mrs. Gemas' daughter,  
Appolina, and \$50 worth of goods from  
the Gemas home. Mrs. Gemas is  
much worried for her daughter was  
never away from home before. The  
police have been notified.

Margaret Borach is a foreign girl  
about 18 years old. Appolina is 11  
years old and when last seen wore a  
dark green striped dress with white  
stockings and a pink hair ribbon. She is a big girl for her age.

Dunbar Remembers Its Draftees.  
Dunbar citizens sent to Camp Lee  
Thursday the first box of tobacco and  
candy purchased by popular subscrip-  
tion for the Dunbar boys 28 in  
number in training with National  
Army members. The box was sent to  
Dan El Mined, who will make the  
distribution. The arrangements were  
made at a meeting of the Dunbar vol-  
unteer service men who left Union-  
Guy Corrado presided.

Horst's Kick Fractures Skull.  
Edith Hager, 10 years old, daughter  
of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Hager of Braz-  
zoll is in the Brownsville hospital  
with a fractured skull suffered when  
she was kicked by a horse.

## PETERSBURG BOYS GLAD TO WELCOME FOLKS FROM HOME

Mr. and Mrs. George Connell  
Motor Over to See Troops  
at Camp Lee.

### LOCAL DRAFTES REJECTED

Correspondent Says Lou Gemas and  
Two Murphy Boys Have Failed to  
Pass the Physical Examination and  
Will Be Sent Home, Camp News.

CAMP LEE, Petersburg, Va. Oct.  
2.—Mr. and Mrs. George Connell of  
Connellsville motored to Camp Lee  
today arriving here about 1 P. M.  
and paid the boys from Connellsville  
and vicinity a visit. They came from  
Washington via Richmond and Peters-  
burg. Both report having a delight-  
ful trip. They were the first home  
town people to come here to see us  
and all the boys were glad to see them.

At 1:30 the whistle blew for drill  
and we had to bid them farewell.  
Practically all the second contin-  
gent of Fayette county men have been  
examined. Some of them were re-  
jected on physical examination.  
Among these were Lou Gemas and  
two Murphy boys from Connellsville.  
They will be held here for a few  
days before being transported back  
home.

The first 21 boys to come here from  
local districts No. 2 and No. 5 were  
inoculated yesterday the third and  
final time. When we were lined up  
outside of the building where we  
went to get our third shot a pic-  
ture man with a large camera came  
along and snapped us. He also took  
a group after we came out. On the  
postcard pictures will be seen many  
lads with their left arms uncovered  
and short sleeves hanging loose. All  
the boys were so anxious to be on  
the picture that they swarmed around  
the camera and cameraman too. The  
picture man's temper was aroused for  
a few minutes and he said: "If you  
guys don't get off that spot I will  
not take any of you. However the  
rookies took heed and conducted  
themselves properly and when the  
pictures are finished the boys will  
see their faces on display at the reg-  
imental exchange where they will be  
for sale.

We are drilling nearly every day  
with rifles on an immense drill field.  
We start out in the morning about 8  
o'clock when it is cool but later in  
the day it gets very hot. We drill  
about 8 hours a day finishing at  
5 P. M. The last two mornings  
we attended school in a large room  
in the base hospital. There were  
written examinations the nature of  
the questions including nearly every-  
thing under the sun. The object in  
these examinations is to determine  
the most intelligent men and for  
what branch of the service they are  
best fitted.

Tomorrow the men in the differ-  
ent companies of the 319th Regiment,  
possessing the best athletic qualifi-  
cations will be selected and will be  
later combined into the All Stars of  
this regiment. They are to go to  
Petersburg on October 8 where they  
will take part in the different events  
at the fair.

The nights are very cool here now.  
It requires about four blankets to  
keep one warm.  
Lewing Harmon talked in his sleep  
last night about going to France.  
He was heard to say: "Gee! If I could  
only get back home safe."

Hurry Vason has taken on addi-  
tional weight since coming to Camp  
Lee. He attributes it to plenty of  
fresh air and physical exercise.  
Swartzwelder wonders who is hold-  
ing down his old place at the front  
of the Title and Trust building.  
Oliver Mike Goldsmith comment-  
ing on Company I 319th Regiment,  
after watching them drill, remarked  
that they had a little on Company D.  
A number of the boys will attend  
a select dance in Petersburg Friday  
night, October 5.

### UNIONTOWN DRAFTES LAY OVER HERE FOR HOUR

District No. 1 Uniontown sent 66  
young men to Camp Lee last night.  
It was the first movement of Fayette  
county men of the third contingent.  
District 2 men leave tomorrow night  
and District 5 men Sunday.  
The Uniontown coach was coupled  
to a special troop train here leav-  
ing Connellsville at 9:15 after lay-  
ing over here for an hour and a half.

### WOUNDED SOLDIER, ON FURLOUGH, VISITS HERE

David Reese of Colburn, Ontario  
Can. has returned home after a visit  
at the home of his uncle David Reese  
in South Prospect street. Mr. Reese  
has been in France for the past three  
years and was in the military hospital  
for treatment of wounds suffered in  
battle. He was granted a furlough  
but never got in Canada by Saturday.  
His brother is also fighting in the  
trenches.

This was the first visit of Mr. Reese  
to his uncle's home here. He was  
accompanied by William McMullan of  
Pittsburg.

### KENNETH REID JOINS U. S. SIGNAL CORPS

Kenneth Reid of Connellsville en-  
listed Wednesday in the United States  
Signal Corps. Reid will likely be as-  
signed to the aviation division as he  
has finished a course of training with  
the West Virginia Flying Corps.  
Among the other Signal Corps re-  
cruits yesterday was James Dehart,  
last year one of Pitts biggest foot  
ball stars. Dehart will report at the  
Princeton Aviation Training Station  
on October 6.

Gets a Peerless.  
W. D. McGinnis has bought a Peer-  
less Eight, seven passenger touring  
car.

## NAVY LEAGUE WILL CONTINUE KNITTING FOR CHARLESTON MEN

Local Women Urged Not to Stop  
Working For U. S. Sailors.

The Navy League will continue its  
knitting for the sailors of Uncle  
Sam's Navy and the Charleston com-  
forts branch of Connellsville will keep  
on supplying the Cruiser Charleston  
with comfort sets, according to an an-  
nouncement by Mrs. J. M. Gray chair-  
man of the Charleston branch.

Although this announcement has  
been made repeatedly since the un-  
fortunate controversy between the  
Secretary Daniels of the Navy Depart-  
ment and the officials of the Navy  
League many workers have not dis-  
continued their knitting so vigorously as  
before the unpleasantness became  
public property. I fear that their com-  
fort kits might not reach the sailors  
caused many women to stop knitting.  
The Charleston comforts branch  
however has continued shipments of  
completed sets and word has been  
received that they reached the men  
of the Charleston. Up to the present  
time there have been forwarded to  
Washington for the men of the Char-  
leston 326 completed woolen outfits  
and in a few days another shipment  
of 100 sets will leave here making a  
grand total of 1700 knitted pieces  
with an estimated value of \$2,000.

A letter from Elizabeth Reusscher,  
Prayer chairman of the comforts  
committee dated September 20, ac-  
knowledges the receipt of 733 articles  
of knitted comforts on September 13.  
Captain E. H. Campbell, commander of  
the U. S. S. Charleston in a letter  
dated September 26 acknowledges re-  
ceipt of Mrs. Gray's letter telling of the  
sending of 150 completed sets for the  
men of the Charleston. He thanks  
the local branch on behalf of the crew  
of the Charleston and promises prompt  
acknowledgment when the articles  
arrive.

A circular sent out by National  
headquarters of the Navy League  
urges workers to send letters of pro-  
test to the President, Senators and  
Congressmen regarding the arbitrary  
order of the Secretary of the Navy  
League has called an important  
meeting for next Tuesday afternoon at  
8:30 o'clock at the Carnegie Free Li-  
brary. All members of the branch  
as well as others who are interested in  
knitting, are urged to attend.

### NEWS FROM CAMP

Dr. A. J. Colborn Says Foreign Draft-  
tees Are Moneysick.

In a letter received by A. B. Hood  
from Dr. A. J. Colborn, a lieutenant  
in the Medical Officers Reserve corps  
assigned to Camp Lee, Petersburg Va.,  
is contained the news that the local  
physician is now surgeon to the am-  
putation train. I have been trans-  
ferred again, Lieutenant Colborn  
writes, "this making the third time  
I send me to France for they won't  
do a thing to the amputation  
gang over there."

Mr. and Mrs. George S. Connell  
visited Dr. Edie and myself and I was  
glad to greet them. We are liv-  
ing the second dose of typhoid inoc-  
ulation and re-vaccination today. The  
letter is dated October 2.

After the last batch of draftees  
have arrived and been examined Dr.  
Colborn says duties will not be so  
heavy. It will then be merely a case  
of sick call at field hospital an hour  
in the morning and evening and some  
little sanitary inspection.

Dr. Colborn says that the foreign  
draftees are a homesick bunch. Many  
of them came to camp thinking they  
would not be accepted and thus were  
surprised to find when they were pas-  
saged. They report in the sick list by  
the dozens he says. One man comes  
regularly every morning to the dis-  
pensary although there is absolutely  
nothing the matter with him.  
Dr. Colborn says he hasn't seen any  
of the last Fayette contingents as  
they are camped about a quarter of  
a mile distant from him. Sturges Col-  
born he says has got fat as a  
Thanksgiving porker.

The lieutenant says he may get  
home some time this month for a day  
or two if the medical work can be  
cleared up in good shape.

Mr. Hood also received a card to-  
day from John Miller who worked  
here but went to Camp Lee with the  
Scottsdale draft contingent. It is a  
great life, you don't weaken and  
you still going strong, says John.  
Work and slumber, he says occupy  
practically all the time of the boys in  
camp.

### GYPSY-INDIAN FIGHT.

Free-for-all Follies Indulgence in  
Fire Water.

Fire water consumed in unlimited  
quantities at a wedding celebration  
joined in by a band of Seminoles  
Indians and a roving Gypsy band in  
camp between Fayette City and Belle-  
vernon is said to have been the cause  
for a free for all fight in which one  
Indian was seriously injured. Seven-  
teen men were placed under arrest by  
County Detective John J. Smith and  
four state policemen. They were  
locked up in the Bellevernon jail.  
The injured Indian who had suf-  
fered a fractured skull was given  
medical treatment in Bellevernon.

### Brothers Called Same Day

The fortunes of war called into mili-  
tary service on the same day two  
brothers, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Lyman  
Littman of Uniontown. Kurtz Littman  
Wednesday received orders to report  
Fort Slocum, New York for final ex-  
amination before entering a regiment  
of engineers and Walter Littman is  
among the third contingent of selec-  
tive service men who leave Union-  
town Thursday.

Millen a Corporal.  
Cairds from John Millen a Scottsdale  
draftee at Camp Lee state that he  
had been made a corporal.

## JOHN BROWN GETS FURLOUGH; COMING BACK NORTH SOON

Connellsville Draftee to Spend  
Few Days at Home and  
Then Motor Back.

### BAYONET EXERCISES NOW

"Five Per Cent Man" Well Advanced  
in Liter Army Training, Second  
Contingent Also Making Good Pro-  
gress; Trouble Drilling the Alban.

CAMP LEE, Petersburg, Va. Oct.  
3.—John Brown known in Camp Lee  
as the champion consumer of mac-  
aroni and the like tennis play-  
er comedian and hundred yard  
dasher has been granted a five day  
furlough and will leave here for his  
home in Connellsville where he will  
spend a few days with his family and  
relatives.

While in Connellsville, Gene al  
Brown will attend to his family busi-  
ness matters. At the expiration of  
his leave of absence he will motor back  
to Camp Lee in the Dodge roadster  
John will be the first of the National  
Army men from Connellsville to re-  
turn on a furlough, and he intends  
to show to the boys folks the kind  
of soldier that is turned out at Camp  
Lee after a month of intensive train-  
ing.

The first men to arrive here are  
advanced as far as bayonet exercises  
and are being instructed in the hand-  
ling of these dainty weapons. The  
second contingent are making good  
progress and are rapidly being whip-  
ped into shape. The officers are hav-  
ing a little difficulty with the foreign  
element but are pretty well satisfied  
with the progress these men are mak-  
ing notwithstanding the fact that they  
are working somewhat under a hand-  
icap. It is the belief of many officers  
that the foreigners will learn quick-  
ly by not by commands but by natu-  
ral actions of other men and by com-  
paring notes among themselves.

When a package of staples com-  
taining cakes boxes of candy and ev-  
erything pleasing to the taste is de-  
livered here by the parcel post man  
it lasts about as long as a snowball  
in an extremely warm climate.

Joe Surry and Edw. Harmon seem  
to be bent on journey to the country  
every now and then and bring back  
with them large sacks of apples on  
their backs. The peculiar part of it  
is they never go together. They are  
both wanderers.

E. Reed one of the first five per-  
cent boys from local District No. 2  
is one of the handsy men in our com-  
pany. He has been doing all the car-  
penter work around the barracks  
with the help of his working assistant  
Jacob Ohle, of Mill Run.

Private Mahalle of Leisewaring a  
No. 5 district boy is confined to the  
hospital here with an attack of kidney  
trouble. His condition is not serious.  
Most of the boys comprising the  
second contingent to come here were  
compelled to sleep several nights on  
cots minus mattresses. It is said that  
in the morning checkers could be  
played on their backs. The wiring on  
the cots is in checkered designs.

Give me liberty, or give me death  
said a Camp Lee rookie. It is a fore-  
gone conclusion that this gentleman  
will get one or the other if he sees  
active service abroad.

Just wait till John Brown shakes  
the Camp Lee dust off his feet and  
sets foot on Coketown soil. Blow  
whistles blow.

### HONOR MRS. STOFFER

Pennsylvania Resident Honor Guest at  
Birth Day Party.

On her return home from a visit at  
the home of her daughter at Vexor on  
Thursday night Mrs. C. H. Stoffer of  
Pennsylvania was given an enjoyable  
surprise when greeted by a number of  
her friends and neighbors who had as-  
sembled at her home during her ab-  
sence and prepared an elaborate  
chicken dinner. Previous to the din-  
ner Rev. P. L. Berkey pastor of the  
Petersburg United Evangelical church  
in behalf of the guests presented Mrs.  
Stoffer with a handsome umbrella as  
a token of friendship and esteem. The  
table was centered with a large birth-  
day cake with candles denoting the  
age of Mrs. Stoffer. The cake was  
baked by Mrs. J. C. Fite.

The following were present Mrs. and  
Mr. G. A. Liberty, Mr. and Mrs. C.  
Dewitt, Mr. and Mrs. Grant Wil-  
ler, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Fite, Mr. and  
Mrs. H. C. Harris, Mr. and Mrs. J. L.  
Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Roy McFadden  
and daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Bilner,  
Mrs. O. P. Lemhart, Mrs. Daniel Miller,  
Miss Sue Means, Mrs. Elizabeth  
Miller and daughter Catherine, Lois  
and Ray Stoffer of Petersburg, Mr.  
and Mrs. Orville Burdworth of Con-  
fluence, Mrs. J. W. Miller and Miss  
Guard of Connellsville, Rev. P. L.  
Berkey and granddaughter Mrs. Mar-  
garet Strong, of Scottsdale, Misses Lya  
and Mabel Stoffer of Mount Pleasant.  
In addition to the umbrella Mrs.  
Stoffer received a number of pretty  
gifts from the out of town guests.

### COW CLIMBS STAIRS

Accomplished Animal Can be Kept in  
Second Story of Stable.

S. H. Gillespie of Pechin has an ac-  
complished cow who can climb stairs  
like a biped though she is a quad-  
ruped as cows usually are. The cow  
has become such an adept in the art  
of climbing stairs that Mr. Gillespie  
has decided to use the first story of  
his stable as a garage and stable  
his cow in the second story.

The animal can go up a pair of leg-  
ular steps 10 feet without any effort  
and she will not attempt to go  
over a fence two feet high. Mr.  
Gillespie figuratively of course and  
not a fancy price for her.

## FINDS MAN WHO LEFT HER EIGHT YEARS AGO WEDDED TO ANOTHER WOMAN HERE

Mrs. Olga Garrity of Pittsburg  
Wants to Be Paid For Rear-  
ing Family of Four.

### HUSBAND A MILL FOREMAN

After vainly searching for her hus-  
band Richard Garrity for eight years  
Mrs. Olga Garrity of Pittsburg finally  
located him Wednesday living in  
West Apple street and married to  
another woman. He was placed un-  
der arrest on a charge of larceny  
preferred before Alderman Munk  
Garrity is a foreman over the rolls  
at the Sligo mills and has been here  
four months. According to his wife,  
she lived here with him 11 years ago  
when he was a fuffler on the rolls at  
Sligo. Garrity is said to earn as  
high as \$15 a day, holding an im-  
portant job in the mill.

According to Mrs. Garrity her hus-  
band was a Pittsburg last week visit-  
ing some friends. He told of giv-  
ing his wife \$50 every two weeks  
and this news reached the first Mrs.  
Garrity. Learning that he was work-  
ing in Connellsville she secured a  
warrant for his arrest and came here  
accompanied by her sister.

Wednesday she followed a man she  
took for her husband from Sligo to a  
house in Peach street. Then an  
accompanied by Constable Charles Wil-  
son and Patrolman Turner she went  
to the house. The man was not  
Richard Garrity but Mrs. Garrity re-  
cognized in him an old acquaintance  
who told her where her husband was  
living.

The three immediately went to the  
Apple street residence and found Mr.  
Garrity and his second wife there.  
They moved for a moment. Then  
the first Mrs. Garrity said:

"I want to be well paid for raising  
my four children," said Mrs. Garrity  
Thursday but she can have him  
I wonder if he ever beats her and  
swears at her like he used to do with  
me? Mrs. Garrity laughed when she  
related what her husband had told a  
former acquaintance he met here re-  
cently when the latter inquired af-  
ter his wife.

Oh she is as big as ever and her  
hair is all white. Mr. Garrity is re-  
ported to have said meaning his sec-  
ond wife.

It seemed a joke to the first Mrs.  
Garrity who is slender and dark,  
with rather nice features.

At the hearing Thursday Mrs.  
Garrity agreed to withdraw her  
charges provided he would pay \$1,  
000. The settlement has not yet  
been made but Garrity expressed his  
willingness to pay the money in in-  
stallments. He will also get a divorce.

### TWO MILLIONS, COUNTY ALLOTMENT IN SECOND LIBERTY LOAN DRIVE

Bankers of Fayette Plan to Over-  
subscribe Coker Region's  
Quota.

Two million dollars is Fayette  
county's allotment in the country-  
wide campaign to raise three billion  
dollars by the second Liberty Loan  
to prosecute the war. Bankers of the  
county at their session Friday af-  
ternoon in the directors room of the  
National Bank of Fayette county Un-  
iontown pledged themselves to dis-  
pose of that amount of bonds but in-  
dications pointed to a united effort to  
oversubscribe the amount by 50 per  
cent. The allotment for this district  
was set by the Federal Reserve bank  
at Cleveland.

The meeting was addressed by W.  
S. Van Dine, Pittsburg banker who  
told of the underlying causes of the  
war and made several practical sug-  
gestions for the campaign.

## WINTER'S APPROACH BEING DREADED BY ALL RAILROAD MEN

Transportation Troubles Will  
Multiply as the Season  
Grows.

### LABOR SITUATION IS BAD

And Growing Worse All the Time; No  
Longer a Question of Car Supply  
But One of Securing Sufficient Men  
to Handle the Cars Now Available.

The situation throughout the Pittsburgh district in respect to the movement of freight is becoming acute again. For a while the tension was relaxed appreciably, and the railroads had begun to hope that the relief thus afforded would prove permanent, says J. A. Layman, railroad editor of the Pittsburgh Dispatch. No sooner, however, had traffic begun to move with comparative freedom in the regular channels than it doubled and trebled in volume not only nullifying what improvement had been effected, but rendering nugatory in large measure the carriers' plans for the future. As a result the railroads hereabouts not only are heavily handicapped even while operating conditions are exceptionally favorable, but they will enter upon the third winter of traffic congestion with its inevitable cold and snows more ill-prepared to cope with adverse conditions than ever before.

It is not a shortage of cars or motive power that is threatening trouble—is causing it already, in fact—but lack of skilled labor, a phase of the situation which Vice President G. I. Peck of the Pennsylvania Lines West makes very real in a statement just prepared by him. In his capacity of chairman of the committee on lake coal and ore shipment for the executive committee of the Railroad War Board relative to the movement of coal and ore, both so essential to the successful prosecution of the war. Primarily, the coal requirements of the Northwest, which must be supplied chiefly by the mines of Western Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Ohio, aggregate 29,000,000 tons, of which amount there had been moved to Lake Erie ports for transshipment to September 30, 19,544,552 tons, leaving 9,455,448 tons to be moved during the nine weeks of navigation remaining, or an average of 1,050,605 tons per week.

This volume was exceeded slightly during the week ended September 30, but the tonnage for that period was 2.36 per cent less than that for the week immediately preceding, an unfavorable development in itself. Meantime, 1,007,518 tons of ore moved from lake ports to interior furnaces, chiefly in the Pittsburgh district, but even that amount was not nearly sufficient to meet their requirements, and as a consequence many of them are "down." The furnaces will require 30,000,000 tons of ore, in round figures, to tide them over till next spring, of which only 22,208,949 tons have been brought to Lake Erie docks by September 30, leaving 7,791,051 tons to be moved during the remaining weeks of open water. As in the case of the coal moving hence, however, the movement of ore hither is falling off gradually, not from lack of cars, apparently, or of locomotives to haul them, but of sufficient and efficient labor to handle the traffic.

And labor conditions, according to Vice President Peck, are growing worse all the time, so that it is no longer, now, so much a question of car supply as of movement and the slow movement, while it is due, apparently, to a variety of causes, can be traced directly to labor conditions. In this connection, however, rather an anomalous condition has developed. The railroads' payrolls appear to show about the same number of men at work in all departments as formerly, so that the trouble may not properly be ascribed to labor shortage.

In lieu of a better term, therefore, Vice President Peck describes it as "dilution" of labor, which he confesses he has borrowed from the English labor reports. It means, he explains, that while the roads have the same number of men as before, they have lost a very large proportion of their most efficient employees, the substitutes having been drawn from the only remaining available supply, which means, of course, the replacement of men skilled by years of experience in detailed work of a very intricate machine, by inexperienced hands. He doesn't assure to say in exactly how much the reduced efficiency consists, but ventures the opinion that it amounts to fully 50 per cent. He does cite figures, though, which show that in many departments of the Pennsylvania lines west their entire forces have been changed since the beginning of the current year.

The principal cause of this "dilution" of labor, according to Vice President Peck, is the high scale of wages established by industries located in districts served by the Eastern railroads. This, however, is accentuated by the draft. Based upon the number of men already accepted for military service, it is estimated that upwards of 15,000 employees of railroads operating in the territory between the Ohio valley and the lakes will have been called to the colors by the first draft. This will have to be multiplied by three within a year should the government call for 2,000,000 men during that period, which it is understood it will. It happens that a large proportion of those men are of classes required for the maintenance and operation of the railroads such as trackmen, trainmen, brakemen, telegraph operators, etc., many of whom have been drawn already because of their low average ages and the further fact that they had been selected for their railway employment because of their physical fitness.

The effect of the actual shortage on

railroad operation is indicated by the fact, as shown by the statement of Vice President Peck, that it is impossible to maintain currently a full force of car droppers in some of the large classification yards in the industrial districts, notably the Pittsburgh district, and this is only another of the difficulties which confront the roads in their attempts to move promptly the enormous volume of traffic now being offered them. During the past week, inquiry developed, yard operations were slowed down appreciably from this cause and at times it has been with the utmost exertion only that the yards have been kept going at all. This, of course, is an unprecedented situation and the effect of the introduction of inexperienced men into such an intricate organization as that required for the operation of a large classification yard has been to retard all traffic.

The policy of the railroads, in the circumstances, has been to await the result of the full draft before asking exemptions, but if the Eastern lines are to continue to perform their full functions as the principal arteries for supplying the primary base of operations for the entire conduct of the war, both for this country and its allies, a different one will have to be adopted and that right soon. At this time the railroads of the Pittsburgh district are handling a greater tonnage than ever before in their history, despite all the handicaps with which they are weighted down. Moreover, the volume of traffic is increasing fast and will, according to the expectations of the railroads, continue to increase commensurately with the expanding requirements of the government. Many of the latter, however, are declared to be dependent upon a further expansion of facilities or a further improvement in the labor situation on the roads in question, both of which contingencies appear to be remote. The carriers operating into the Pittsburgh district in the meantime are exerting every effort to tide the furnaces enough to tide them over till next spring and to profess confidence in their ability to do so. Quite a serious difficulty is developing, however, from the circumstance that certain furnaces are behind in their allotments, while others are ahead, and no means of equalizing the discrepancy has yet been devised. The railroads, though, are doing their best to meet the situation.

### FUEL SHORTAGE IN GREENE CO.

Natural Gas Supply Falling and But  
Two Coal Mines Within Easy  
Distance of the Town.

Waynesburg is threatened with a serious shortage in fuel the coming winter. The Manufacturers Light & Heat company, one of the largest gas producing concerns in Western Pennsylvania, has already given notice that the company may be unable to adequately supply its consumers this winter and urges them to use coal for fuel wherever it is possible, says the Waynesburg Democrat Messenger. Other gas companies in this section are in a similar situation and it is almost certain that there will be even a greater shortage of gas in Waynesburg than there was last winter.

To make the situation more alarming there is no adequate supply of coal available to consumers in Waynesburg and Greene county. There are only three coal mines near Waynesburg, the Moredock and Lapping mines near Morrisville, and another small mine about two miles below Waynesburg on the road to Jefferson. The American Steel company has contracted to take the entire output of the Moredock and Lapping mines for their plant in West Waynesburg, thus leaving but one mine to supply the consumers in Waynesburg and vicinity with coal. In addition to this the miners are working but part time and the local demand for coal cannot be met under such circumstances.

A few of our citizens are operating small mines outside of Greene county and while they are, no doubt, proving to be profitable investments, they could, in all probability, gain as large profits from small mines in Greene county and would also be rendering a great service to their communities.

### \$200 PER ACRE

Understood to Have Been Paid for  
Coal in Monongahela Twp.

Another sale of Greene county coal acreage was closed a few days ago, W. Harry Brown, the well known coal and coke operator, having purchased from Justice S. Leslie Mestrezat of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court and Charles A. Mestrezat, of Waynesburg, 72.29 acres of the Pittsburgh vein in Monongahela township. The deed has been filed for record. While the consideration was given as \$1, it is understood that the price per acre received was not below \$200.

The coal sold was purchased by the recent owners only a few years ago at \$400 per acre, from Henry DeBolt, John W. and Otto W. Minor. The coal adjoins other coal of Mr. Brown which is being developed by his operation at Allegheny No. 2 mine near Lock No. 7 on the Monongahela river. Justice Mestrezat and C. A. Mestrezat still have about 500 acres of coal and surface, at Mapletown.

### COAL LAND MARKET

Becoming More Active; Deals Said to  
Be in Process of Negotiation.

Considerable interest is reported to have been manifested recently in the coal land market. A number of deals are said to be in progress, and many inquiries are being received by brokers for tracts suitable for quick development and easy access. Farm owners are getting fancy prices for their coal, and many are refusing to sell as they believe prices will go still higher. Coal brokers, however, assert there is nothing to justify better than prices now being paid, and are advising coal owners to sell while buyers of coal lands are so eager and numerous. Some big interests in the market for coal properties are said to be averse to buying any properties held by speculators.

## Coal Freight Rates

Effective July 1, 1917.

TO EASTERN PORTS.		ORIGINATING DISTRICT.			
Rate per Gross Ton of 2,500 lbs.		Pittsburg	Fairmont	Greensburg	Latrobe
Baltimore, Md.	\$2.15	\$2.00	\$1.85	\$1.75	\$1.75
Chester, Pa.	1.85	1.70	1.55	1.45	1.45
Harrisburg, Pa.	1.85	1.70	1.55	1.45	1.45
Johnstown, Pa.	1.85	1.70	1.55	1.45	1.45
Lebanon, Pa.	1.85	1.70	1.55	1.45	1.45
New York, N. Y. (Bklyn.)	2.40	2.25	2.10	2.00	2.00
New York, N. Y. (R.R.)	2.50	2.35	2.20	2.10	2.10
Philadelphia, Pa.	2.15	2.00	1.85	1.75	1.75
Spartanburg, S.C.	2.15	2.00	1.85	1.75	1.75
St. Louis, Mo.	1.85	1.70	1.55	1.45	1.45
South Bethlehem, Pa.	1.85	1.70	1.55	1.45	1.45
Syracuse, N. Y.	2.30	2.15	2.00	1.90	1.90
To ATLANTIC PORTS via B. & O.					
Greenwich, Conn.	1.90	1.75	1.60	1.50	1.50
Greenwich, Conn. (local)	1.70	1.55	1.40	1.30	1.30
South Amboy, N. J.	1.90	1.75	1.60	1.50	1.50
Harrison, N. J.	1.90	1.75	1.60	1.50	1.50
Greenville, S.C.	2.10	1.95	1.80	1.70	1.70
Canton, Md. (local)	1.90	1.75	1.60	1.50	1.50
Canton, Md. (export)	1.85	1.70	1.55	1.45	1.45
To ATLANTIC PORTS via P. & O.					
St. George Coal Piers	2.40	2.25	2.10	2.00	2.00
St. George for Export	2.05	1.90	1.75	1.65	1.65
Philadelphia Coal Piers	1.90	1.75	1.60	1.50	1.50
Philadelphia for Export	1.70	1.55	1.40	1.30	1.30
Curtis Bay Piers	1.90	1.75	1.60	1.50	1.50
Curtis Bay for Export	1.65	1.50	1.35	1.25	1.25

The rate from the Fairmont District to Johnstown in 78, Monongahela Railway to state line, 45; below state line to Fairmont, 50. The Connellsville rate applies to shipments from points on the Southwest Branch of the Pennsylvania railroad south of Ruffsdale; from points on the Pittsburgh, Virginia & Charleston and points on the Monongahela River railroad.

TO WESTERN PORTS.		ORIGINATING DISTRICT.			
Rate per Net Ton of 2,000 lbs.		Pittsburg	Upper	Lower	
		(1)	Civil	Civil	
Canton, O.	\$1.10	\$1.20	\$1.25	\$1.25	
Chicago, Ill.	2.05	2.05	2.05	2.05	
Cleveland, O.	1.15	1.25	1.25	1.25	
Columbus, O.	1.15	1.15	1.15	1.15	
Detroit, Mich.	1.40	1.40	1.40	1.40	
Indiana Harbor, Ind.	2.05	2.05	2.05	2.05	
Toledo, O.	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25	
Youngstown, O.	.95	.95	.95	.95	
Lake Ports	.95	1.05	1.05	1.05	

The Pittsburgh District includes points east as far as Latrobe and south on the Southwest Branch to and including Ruffsdale; south to and including Brownsville and Brannell on the Pittsburgh, Virginia & Charleston railroad; eastward to Dawson on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, and eastward to Dickerson Run and southwest to and including Brownsville on the New York Central line.

The Connellsville District includes points on the Southwest Branch of the Pennsylvania railroad south of Ruffsdale; on the Pittsburgh, Virginia & Charleston except Brannell and all Monongahela River railroad points; West of Central point east of Dickerson Run, including Connellsville Transfer, and points on the Baltimore & Ohio, Dawson to Point Marion, Pa.



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Lake Superior iron ore shipments this season will fall somewhat short of those of last year, but are not altogether disappointing as even before the season opened it was doubted whether as much ore would be moved this season as last, when the shipments far exceeded expectations, says the American Metal Market. When the season opened with a serious handicap owing to almost unprecedented breaking up of the ice it was accepted as certain that the season's movement would fall short. Last year had the advantage, moreover, of the shipment of considerable stocks that had accumulated at mines.

Owing to ice, both April and May this year fell far short of the records made in 1916. June, July and August showed gains, but September fell short. The movement to October 1 was 46,050,103 tons, or 2,565,547 tons less than last year's shipments in the same period. Shipments after October 1 are affected by weather and the need of moving grain. The demand for grain movement will hardly exceed that of last year, and there may be a slight gain in the ore movement. The prospect is that the total movement by lake and all-rail will be about 64,000,000 tons, against a trifle more than 65,000,000 tons in 1916.

This year's ore movement might have developed a shortage had it not been that the operation of blast furnaces has been restricted by shortage

of coke. Pig iron production to date has been about 200,000 tons short of the output in the corresponding period last year, whereas there have been more furnaces available, on account of new construction. At best there will be scarcely any more ore than enough to take care of the blast furnaces regularly tributary to the Lake Superior ore region.

This may prove somewhat unfortunate for eastern producers which have lately been depending upon imported ore, the movement of which is both uncertain and expensive at this time. Their bidding for Lake Superior ore might have proved very embarrassing to the central western consumers who depend upon buying Lake Superior ore had it not been for the agreement of the Lake Superior ore producers to continue their 1917 prices. It may be noted that this agreement to maintain ore at \$5.05, meaning Mesabi non-Bessemer on Lake Erie dock, with the other descriptions also at 1917 prices, was in essence an agreement to maintain the same prices, subject to the lake vessel rate.

The season rate for 1917 was \$1.00, or double the 1916 rate. If that rate were to change the ore prices at Lake Erie docks would correspondingly change. For a time there was a possibility of a lower vessel rate, even though the wild rate reached \$1.50 recently, but the advance in lake vessel wages, arbitrated recently by the Shipping Board, is taken as good reason for expecting a \$1.00 rate for next season.

The following table shows the shipments by months during the season of 1916 and the six months of the present season to October 1:

	1916	1917
April	1,658,411	2,115,532
May	3,345,589	6,233,512
June	3,607,572	9,039,391
July	3,750,157	10,241,623
August	5,859,140	10,146,788
September	5,600,735	9,534,548
October	3,316,136	
November	5,715,452	
December	1,086,200	
Season	34,743,198	64,050,103

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